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## EXPERIENCE

### WEBMASTER/OWNER, ZELDA UNIVERSE; WWW.ZELDAUNIVERSE.NET — 2004-PRESENT

For two years I administered the website and all its operations, until I buckled down and purchased the business. I now own and operate Zelda Universe, which is the largest online database of information about The Legend of Zelda series of video games. It has a community of over 54,000 members, a daily reach of over 350,000 people, and a staff of over 50 content writers, journalists, and discussion board moderators.

### WEBMASTER/OWNER, ZELDA WIKI.ORG; WWW.ZELDAWIKI.ORG — 2005-PRESENT

In April 2005 I founded this website, which has since entered into collaborations with ten Zelda fan-sites, a partnership with StrategyWiki.org, and discussed deals with the founder of Wikia.com, partner to the founder of Wikipedia. The site has grown to become the largest and most active Wiki-based repository of The Legend of Zelda information, and appears in most Google search results for anything related to The Legend of Zelda.

### CAMP / BUS COUNSELOR, MEADOWBROOK COUNTRY DAY CAMP; CHESTER, NJ — 2004-2005

I worked as a “bus counselor”, monitoring children during the bus rides to and from camp. In addition, I was a camp counselor supervising a group of about twenty seven and eight-year-olds.

## EDUCATION

I’m currently a sophomore enrolled in Lehigh University’s Integrated Business and Engineering Honors Program, with a declared major in Mechanical Engineering.

## GRAPHIC DESIGN + WEB DEVELOPMENT SKILLS

I’m always using the latest software available. At the moment, I work with Creative Suite CS4 + a trusty Wacom Intuos3 for graphic artistry, and Espresso + CSSEdit for web development.

**ADOBE PHOTOSHOP — 6 YEARS**

**ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR — 4 YEARS**

**HTML / CSS — 4 YEARS**

**MANAGING SERVERS — 4 YEARS**

**MANAGING MYSQL DATABASES — 4 YEARS**

**AND A PINCH OF PHP AND JAVASCRIPT**

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### THE JASON EFFECT; WWW.THEJASONEFFECT.NET — 2008

This is my personal blog and portfolio. I post my day-to-day thoughts and opinions, and have made it into a repository showcasing my artwork, design work, writing, musical creations, photography, and various other projects.

### NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH; WWW.NANOWRIMO.ORG — 2006-PRESENT

Participants join authors from around the world every November to celebrate writing by compiling a 50,000-word rough draft novel in only 30 days. My first year with NaNoWriMo produced a 53,000-word novel (*Secured*), my second year an 81,000-word novel (*Faceless*), my third year a 107,000-word novel (*Spawn*), and my fourth year a 122,000-word beast entitled *The Typist*. I am currently editing and seeking publication of *The Typist*. The original drafts of *Faceless*, *Spawn*, and *The Typist* are all readable from my blog.

### **TENOR SECTION LEADER / PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, RIDGE HIGH A CAPELLA CHOIR — 2004-2008**

For four years, the Ridge High School choral arts program made life worth living. My experiences with the choir proved life-changing, and led to me becoming the leader of the tenor section and a mentor amongst incoming choirmates.

## **SUMMER EXPERIENCES**

### **LEHIGH UNIVERSITY CHOIR TOUR; PORTUGAL — 2009**

The Lehigh University Choir performed four concerts over a ten-day period in Portugal in cities surrounding the greater Lisbon area. The entire tour was comprised of 71 people, including its two directors Dr. Steven Sametz and Debra Fields.

### **DREXEL ENGINEERING SUMMER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM — 2007**

With Dr. Gregory Fridman guiding me, I worked on a NASA-funded project for three weeks designing and building a non-thermal atmospheric pressure plasma-welding robot. The robot used said plasma to sterilize surfaces, with the intent to eventually traverse the surfaces of NASA spacecrafts after their reentry into Earth. This would destroy any foreign organisms that may have survived reentry, ensuring no alien diseases infect our planet.

### **AMERICAN MUSIC ABROAD RED TOUR — 2006**

Myself, the Ridge High School choir, and its director Barbara Retzko packed up and shipped out to five countries in Europe, performing with several other northeastern US schools in Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France and Germany during a three-week period. The choir and orchestra were comprised of roughly 150 students who performing in select cities.

## **HOBBIES + INTERESTS**

I do more than graphic design. I have quite a diversified range of interests, spanning the gamut from novel-writing to mechanical tinkering. Here are just some of the things I enjoy doing in my spare time.

### **STUDYING THE GENERAL SCIENCES**

Give me an interesting topic to read about, and I'll never stop. I've had obsessions with antimatter and particle physics, plasma science, general relativity, n-dimensional space, and more.

### **ENGINEERING**

See "Drexel Summer Mentorship" below; I love making things with my hands and running through potential designs for mechanical devices.

### **ELECTRONICS**

I tinker with electronic devices and computers. I've built several computers myself.

### **WEB DEVELOPMENT / WEBSITE MANAGEMENT**

See Zelda Universe and Zelda Wiki.org under "Experience," and take a look at my graphic design and web development skills while you're there.

### **PAINTING / DRAWING / SKETCHING**

I followed a four-year long art curriculum in high school. Traditional fine arts have become a part of me I will never give up, no matter how much graphic design I undertake.

### **SINGING / PLAYING PIANO / MUSIC IN GENERAL**

I record both my own playing through a MIDI input on my computer, and create MIDI's through Sonar 8 on Windows and Logic Pro on Mac. After I've finished recording or composing, I apply realistic VST instruments to the notation.

### **WRITING (SHORT STORIES + NOVELS)**

See National Novel Writing Month above. I also have a vast library of my own short stories, and am currently seeking publication.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

I use my photos as references for paintings and drawings. More recently, my photographs have become art pieces of their own. I also keep a vast library of my shoots in Adobe Lightroom, and do a good deal of digital manipulation in Photoshop.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

I've done a good bit of community service. I always enjoy giving back.

#### **VOLUNTEER, RIDGE OAK SENIOR CENTER; BASKING RIDGE, NJ — 2004-2007**

For several years I helped to serve a Christmas meal to senior citizens.

#### **AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION — 2006-2007**

I participated in a walk for diabetes, as well as donated money to the foundation.

#### **AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION — 2007**

My younger brother and I organized a pancake breakfast to raise funds for the ADA.

#### **NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY TUTOR — 2007-2008**

I tutored freshman and sophomore high school students for two years as a part of the National Honors Society program, aiding students in subjects such as mathematics and introductory physics.