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Narrative/Systems Designer

Studio Name Location, Studio; 02/20/2021

Education

BA—Digital Narrative & Interactive Design—Game Design
University of Pittsburgh
BA—Politics & Philosphy
University of Pittsburgh

Technical Skills

Unity—Adept C++/C#—Adept Java—Adept Python—Adept GIMP—Apprentice Audacity—Apprentice InDesign—Apprentice HTML—Novice

Previous Positions

Lead Designer/Senior Developer Concrete Games; 2021-Present Vice President Bodies of Diversity, College of Wooster; 2018 Assistant Manager Kwik Fill, 3360 W 38th St, Erie, PA; 2019

Past Achievements

University of Pittsburgh Dean's List; Fall 2019-Present **College of Wooster** Dean's List; Fall 2016

McDowell High School

Graduated Summa Cum Laude; 2016 4.2 Weighted, 3.75 Unweighted GPA National and Local Awards in Creative Writing Policy Debate Captain, Speech and Debate Secretary, Mock Trial Team

Miscellaneous

Design Philosophy: Gameplay and narrative are two sides of the same coin; mechanics and story should work together towards a harmonious experience. **Favorite Games:** Disco Elysium, Katamari Damacy, Super Smash Bros. Melee, Outer Wilds, Metal Gear Solid 2: Sons of Liberty, Fallout: New Vegas, Super Mario Sunshine, Stardew Valley, Dark Souls

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February 20, 2021

Game Development Studio 999 9th Ave. Location, Studio 99999

Dear Hiring Manager:

If recent discourse about *The Last of Us Part II* has taught us anything, it is that video games still have a lot of room to grow as an artistic medium. This is true both for consumers and reception of artistic decisions, and for producers and working conditions. As a consumer of video games, I admire the artistic decisions your studio has made in [Game]; and, as a potential member of your production team, I respect your no-crunch policy.

Your recent posting indicated that you are looking for a designer. Strong design is paramount for artistic direction. A coherent design philosophy can break the difference between an average, iterative title, and a game that truly challenges the medium, setting standards for years to come.

Studying Politics & Philosophy at the University of Pittsburgh opened my eyes to the use of dynamic systems as a means to represent the world. Additionally, studying Digital Narratives & Interactive Design taught me how to write compelling stories, as well as the technical skills required to design and develop video games. Though my expertise lies in designing systemic game mechanics which compliment narrative goals, I am also proficient in writing code, so I will be able to work as a programmer as well.

I would love the opportunity to discuss your studio's needs in person, online, or over a phone call.

Sincerely,

Greg Sexauer