

# Ellis Dunn

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## EXPERIENCE

**Apple** | Pittsburgh, PA

*Specialist*

August 2025 – Present

- Engage customers by actively listening to their needs, asking insightful questions, and recommending tailored Apple products, services, and purchase options to create a standout in-store experience
- Demonstrate expert knowledge of Apple's offerings while fostering an inclusive, collaborative environment
- Support team members across store operations by sharing knowledge about Apple's products and services

**National Student Leadership Conference** | Los Angeles, CA; Vancouver, BC

*Team Advisor*

May 2025 – July 2025

- Taught foundational "Cinematography," "Editing," and "Screenwriting" lessons to over 100 high school students, fostering collaboration and hands-on learning that increased student confidence
- Mentored students in creating short films on the UCLA and UBC campuses, using project-based learning to improve creative problem-solving and teamwork in filmmaking
- Selected amongst 1,600 applicants to serve as Team Advisor, portraying as a leader and role model for students to follow and learn from

**University of Dayton Marketing & Communications** | Dayton, OH

*Social Media Specialist*

January 2024 – May 2025

- Spearheaded social media posts such as recreating iconic album covers aligning with the University of Dayton's brand image resulting in increased engagement among various demographics
- Conceptualized social media campaigns by attending campus events and tailoring posts to improve engagement
- Analyzed social media metrics to refine content strategy and enhance follower interaction and engagement rate

*Assistant Editor*

August 2023 – May 2025

- Collaborated with lead editor in Adobe Premiere Pro to streamline editing workflows, enhancing project completion efficiency by 25% and meeting quality standards
- Supported on-set production teams, ensuring efficient shoot organization and maintaining a cohesive workflow
- Assisted in video post-production by organizing media assets and preparing timelines, optimizing productivity

**Dayton Independent Film Festival** | Dayton, OH

*Assistant Director*

January 2024 – October 2024

- Evaluated 100+ submitted films using industry standards to curate a high-quality festival lineup
- Created engaging trailers for festival film blocks, featuring highlights from nominated films
- Lead Q&A sessions with filmmakers, fostering collaborative discussions and enhancing audience experience

## EDUCATION

**University of Dayton** | Dayton, OH

2021-2025

*Bachelor of Arts in Media Production, Film Studies Minor*

GPA: 3.70

## PROJECTS

**"Placed: The Journey Through Foster Care" - Student Emmy Nominated Documentary**

*Audio, Cinematography, Marketing*

May 2025

- Designed and executed over 20 distinct interview setups, handling all aspects of lighting, framing, and camera operation for subjects connected to the foster care system in Ohio
- Shot, lit, and sound designed the opening hook, crafting an immersive environment through detailed set design, cinematic visuals, and foley to contrast the character's inner world with the outside reality

**"Night of the Living Potato Head" - Stop Motion Horror Short Film**

*Writer, Director, Gaffer, Editor, Animator*

April 2025

- Produced a stop-motion short with 1,000+ frames, using meticulous frame-by-frame animation techniques to ensure smooth transitions
- Edited and organized frames in Adobe Premiere Pro, timing transitions precisely to enhance fluid motion and amplify the film's comedic impact