# Ellis Dunn

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#### **EXPERIENCE**

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

Social Media Specialist

January 2024 - May 2025

- Spearhead 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
- Conceptualize social media campaigns by attending campus events and tailoring posts to improve engagement
- Analyze social media metrics to refine content strategy and enhance follower interaction and engagement rate

Assistant Editor

August 2023 – May 2025

- Collaborate with lead editor in Adobe Premiere Pro to streamline editing workflows, enhancing project completion efficiency by 25% and meeting quality standards
- Support on-set production teams, ensuring efficient shoot organization and maintaining a cohesive workflow
- Assist 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

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

#### National Student Leadership Conference | Los Angeles, CA

Assistant Team Advisor

May 2024 – July 2024

- Selected amongst 1,600 applicants to serve as an Assistant Team Advisor, serving as a leader and role model for students to follow and learn from
- Taught foundational "Visual Design and Cinema Cameras" lessons to over 150 high school students, fostering collaboration and hands-on learning that increased student confidence
- Mentored students in creating short films on the UCLA campus, using project-based learning to improve creative problem-solving and teamwork in filmmaking

#### **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

Audio, Cinematography, Marketing

May 2025

- Shot and crafted the visual style of each interview for a student-led documentary on the foster care system in Ohio, using dynamic lighting setups to enhance storytelling and capture compelling interview soundbites
- Designed a rich and immersive soundscape through foley, sound effects, and precise audio mixing, enhancing
  the film's emotional depth and drawing audiences deeper into the story

#### Night of the Living Potato Head

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

#### 2001: A Flavor Odyssey - Vitamin Water Commercial

Director, Gaffer, Editor

March 2023

- Developed a concept and storyboards inspired by Stanley Kubrick, showing creativity and time management in executing vision within 30 second constraint
- Directed set lighting and managed camera operations to achieve storyboard vision, maintaining high precision and continuity in editing