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My name is Cristopher Ruiz, and I moved to the United States from Colombia in 2021 to begin my professional studies in journalism and audiovisual communication. I have experience creating audiovisual content, from documentaries to reviews and music news on the urban Latino movement published on TikTok. While completing some credits at Broward College, I got involved in photography from an artistic point of view. I want to learn more about the field surrounding my studies to become a professional journalist in the future. I want people to see and discover stories that impact them every day.

Skills

- Social Media
- Lighting techniques
- Photo editing
- Adobe premier Pro
- Analog Photography
- Adobe lightroom
- Color Correction
- Visual design
- Creative vision
- Photojournalism

Professional Experience

August 2023 -
Current

Photography Assistant

Independent, Pompano Beach, FL

- Selected and set up appropriate props, backdrops, and lighting.
- High knowledge in analog photography
- Knowledge of the chemicals used for the process of developing rolls.
- Experiences in dark rooms and their use for printing and photo development

March 2022 -
Current

Documentary Filmmaker

Broward College, Independent, Davie, FL

- Directed actors and crews to create vision for films and bring scripts to life.
- Handle professional editing skills in programs such as adobe premier pro.
- Develop script writing skills to create my own documentary and capture it visually.
- Have a broad creative vision for the construction of all audiovisual material.
- Basic knowledge in lights, cameras and sound.

January 2023 -
August 2024

Server

The Namu Korean Restaurant, Coral Springs, FL

- Resolved customer complaints promptly and professionally to maintain positive reputation.
- Maintained order efficiency and accuracy through clear communication with kitchen staff, earning numerous recommendations from satisfied customers.
- Displayed enthusiasm and promoted excellent service to customers, successfully increasing referrals, and walk-in business.
- Cultivated warm relationships with regular customers.

March 2023 - May
2023

Director of Photography

Broward College, Davie, FL

- Help to set up the camera and configure it for the recording of the short film "Loop Enterprises"
- I was involved in the realization of the storyboards.
- Collaborated with production team, consulted on set design, layout and lighting for optimal effect.

March 2022 - May

2022

Actor

Broward College Film Program, Music Videos, Davie, FL

- Practiced lines and scenes independently and collaboratively to prepare for performances.
- Interpreted scripts to create believable characters.
- Applied techniques, using sense memory, character analysis and script analysis to bring characters to life.

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (pending)

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL | Expected in May 2027

- 3.7 GPA
- NAHJ (National Association of Hispanic Journalists) Member
- SPJ (Society of Professional journalists)
- COLSA (Colombian Student Association)

Associate of Arts

Broward College, Fort Lauderdale, FL | May 2024

- Honoree of Outstanding GPA
- 3.60 GPA
- Awarded in **the 45th Annual Student Art Exhibition** at Broward College for the photograph called "**Shouganai**".
- The documentary called "**I.C.B.H.W.M.T.F.**" was shown at the "**Spring student film showcase**" at Broward College.

High School Diploma

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Parkland, FL | June 2022

- Honoree of outstanding GPA
- 3.57 GPA

Languages

- Spanish - Native or Bilingual
- English - Full Professional