**Nichole (Nikki) Hazel**

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**Skills:** Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop, Drawing & Painting (digital and traditional), flexible art style

**Additional Skills:** Project management, client communications, networking, team building, affirming.

**Work Experience**

Spring 2023 | **Remote Paid-Intern,** *Open Pixel Animation Studios* for Spring 2023 semester at MWCC

* Help designed main character ‘Milo’s’ facial expressions for character rig set up.
* Edited a main character to provide additional background characters.
* Created illustrations for blog posts and social media.

Summer 2022 | **Spotlight-Operator,** production of *Jekyll and Hyde* | Monty Technical School, Fitchburg, MA

* Worked directly with the Director and Producer to determine the appropriate tone for each scene.
* Worked through technical challenges on the fly during productions.
* Trained for 1 week in technical skills and production coordination.

2020-Present **| Digital Illustrator,** Paid Commissions

* Communicated with ~15 clients through gathering initial questions, working off references, and receiving feedback.
* Learned to work off existing assets to recreate a clean version.

**Exhibitions and Collaborative Projects**

2023 Fitchburg Art Museum’s, Community Gallery*: MWCC Art Students Exhibition*, Fitchburg MA

- pieces from Painting II course

2022 *Drawing III and Painting II & Painting III Exhibition,* East Wing Gallery MWCC, Gardner, MA

**Awards, Honors & Publications**

2023 Was awarded the *Jon Burton Award* from MWCC, a scholarship for a student going for a BA/BFA

2023 Work published in *A Certain Slant: 2023*, MWCC Literary Magazine. Gardner, MA

2023 Work featured in *Sentinel and Enterprise* News Article titled: “Mount Wachusett Community College Holds Special Exhibition of Student Work”.

2021 1st Place student category: *Blooming,* GALA Spring Art Exhibition, Phillipston, MA

**Volunteer, Community Service & Leadership Experience**

2021-2022 Co-President of the Art Club at Mount Wachusett Community College, Gardner, MA

2021-2022 Organized trips to museums and fundraising events for MWCC’s Art Club, designed promotional posters, and created art merchandise at MWCC, Gardner MA

2021Volunteer for Art Club’s service project for Winterfest Raffle, raised funds for Student Scholarships at MWCC, Gardner, MA

**References**

Kathryn Taccone (Mentor & Co-Owner of Open Pixel Studios) [katie@openpixelstudios.com](mailto:katie@openpixelstudios.com)

Jesse Connor (MWCC Art Professor) [jconnor14@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:jconnor14@mwcc.mass.edu)

Joyce Miller (MWCC Art Professor & Dept. Chair) [j\_miller@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:j_miller@mwcc.mass.edu)

**Education**

2023 Associates in Art Degree, Mount Wachusett Community College, Gardner, MA \*Dean’s List Honors 2021

2020 Graduate, Cum Laude*,* Quabbin High School, Barre, MA