

Graduate Profile



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What is your current job?

I am a 3D Artist at Paradigm Productions.

What is the #1 reason you chose The DAVE School over other animation schools?

After I graduated from college, I was looking for a way to get into the 3D world. I was searching for a school that offered training in animation and kept coming across The DAVE School in my research. I decided to take the tour and it was one of the best decisions I have made. I was attracted to the school because of the personable instructors and the extreme effort they take to prepare you for your career after graduation.

What is the most valuable lesson you learned at the school that you have used during your career?

MEET DEADLINES! The school teaches you the importance of meeting deadlines and when you are working with clients, this lesson is very valuable.

What project/job are you proudest of?

I worked on a project that was aired during the 2008 Sundance Film Festival. I contributed shots to a piece that Paradigm put together to show a Mountain Lodge and Spa located in Park City, Utah. It was the first assignment after the school that encompassed everything I was taught and I was able to apply those aspects to the project.

What advice do you have for people thinking about a career as a VFX artist?

How many people can say they actually love their job? Well, how can you not as a VFX Artist? If you have a passion like I did to get into 3D, then pursue your dream and do it with full force. The DAVE School was my pathway to getting my foot in the door and the job diversity connected to VFX is so enormous that it impacts almost every person you know.