



Guest Speakers

October 23, 2019

Arts, Visual Technology, & Communications Careers

Dinah Satterwhite

Educational Background: B.A. Principia College, focus on business, marketing, independent studies, freelance graphic design work, yearbook photography, radio DJ

Job Title: Fine Art Photographer, Studio Tour Manager, and Piano Teacher

Current Employer: Self, BI Magazine, regional clients

Brief Job Description: As a photographer, I take photos for my own business, seeking fine art images that will sell in galleries and gift shops. I strive to be different and stand out from the crowd. I've even moved into abstract work in past years. Working with clients, I shoot for magazines, artists, realtors, and photograph commercial products. It is a serious amount of work marketing and maintaining the business side of photography, not to mention pushing the limits to constantly be better, seek new venues for my work, and keep up with technology.

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Something I Wish I Knew When I Was in High School Is... *I wish I knew how much all of my hard work paid off later. I was a good student, and involved in sports (tennis), yearbook, and drama (musicals/piano), and that was enough to keep me busy, along with my friends. I didn't need more, but found a nice balance without even knowing it at the time. Some days were easy, and some days were really hard. It was all worth the effort, even if I didn't know it at the time. Oh, and listening to my teachers who had a world of knowledge and experience was important. I really appreciated that they spent the time and effort, being there to help me succeed.*

Jason Beattie

Educational Background: BHS, BA at UCLA Design | Media Arts

Job Title: Director, Editor, Creative Director

Current Employer: Self Employed

Brief Job Description: Currently editing a feature, working with influencers to create content., editing digital content. ,writing two shows for brand sponsorships.

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Something I Wish I Knew When I Was in High School Is... *You can start your career hustle while you are in HS. You don't have to wait until you graduate HS or college.*

Erika Biggs

Educational Background: Bachelor of Interior Architecture, University of Oregon ,BHS class of '84

Job Title: Senior Interior Designer

Current Employer: SkB Architects

Brief Job Description: My work is about making engaging places for people to work and live. My teams and I create experiences and capture a company's culture through space, light, color, materials and furniture. I am a designer and project manager. I sketch concepts, produce drawings in CAD, present to clients and oversee project construction. I've helped design spaces for Microsoft, Tommy Bahama and Holland America Group to name a few. SkB Architects is a Seattle design firm of about 40 designers and architects, founded in 1999.

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Something I Wish I Knew When I Was in High School Is... *Take art and photography classes, Challenge yourself to sketch and look critically at the world around you. Travel as much as you can.*



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Pete Benson

Educational Background: Professional Actors Conservatory 2 year program, California Institute of the Arts

Job Title: Director of Education

Current Employer: Bainbridge Performing Arts

Job Description: Programming all theatrical education opportunities from 4 years of age and up, including adults. Employing a variety of teachers each quarter to suit the needs of each class. Directing and producing up to 10 shows per year.

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Something I Wish I Knew When I Was in High School Is... *Talent alone will not bring you success.*

Sue Entress

Educational Background: High School: My high school had limited classes in my interested field of study, so I completed a Commercial Art program at a local vocational school (similar to West Sound Tech) as part of my senior year class schedule (half of my day spent at my public high school and half spent at the public vocational school). This confirmed my interest in design and provided a good portfolio for college.

College: Bachelor of Fine Arts from Carnegie Mellon University, Major in Graphic and Industrial Design

Job Title: Graphic Designer (specializing in Corporate Identity)

Current Employer: Self Employed (Sue Entress Graphic Design)

Job Description: Graphic design is the art or profession of visual communication that combines images, words, and ideas to convey information to an audience. As a graphic designer the bulk of my work involves simplifying, organizing and communicating information in a meaningful and memorable way. Much of my work involves taking complex concepts and simplifying them into logos, websites or other visual materials.

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Something I Wish I Knew When I Was in High School Is... *Courage is like a muscle that needs to be continually flexed. Consistently getting out of our comfort zone, even in small ways, becomes easier with practice and opens the door to our most meaningful experiences. Plus, our most epic failures make the best stories.*

Brendan McGill

Educational Background: Lathrop High School, Fairbanks Alaska - completed 4 years, no diploma (1998)

GED (2001)

Job Title: Chef/Owner, CEO

Current Employer: Hitchcock Restaurant Group: Hitchcock, Hitchcock Deli, Bar Hitchcock, Bruciato, Bar Taglio, Cafe Hitchcock)

Job Description: CEO: manages all department managers and executive team: culinary director, director of operations, bookkeeping, HR, administrative assistant

Chef: head of all culinary development: menus, standard operating procedures, purchasing, growing, processing food (both direct-to-consumer and wholesale)

Owner: investor relations, landlord relations, physical plant management

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Something I Wish I Knew When I Was in High School is... It is temporary. It is possible to mix student goals with adult aspirations. Acceptance of my peers does little for you after high school. You don't need a 4.0 (or even a diploma, or a master's degree) to be successful in life. Teachers are just older students. Health is wealth, and happiness should be your top priority in school, work and life.