

Elise Smith

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Highly motivated film student seeking to transition hands-on experience from academic and student-led projects into the professional film industry. Skilled in all stages of production, with strong technical abilities in camera operation and editing software. Adept at time management, organizational tasks, and working efficiently in collaborative environments. Eager to learn from and contribute to professional film and entertainment projects.

EDUCATION

Marymount Manhattan College

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Film & Media Production; Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

New York, NY

Anticipated May 2026

Alpha Chi | Lambda Pi Eta | Psi Chi | GPA: 4.0 | Dean's List (All Semesters)

- Relevant coursework: Advanced TV Studio Production, New Media Workshop, Directing Video, Digital Cultures

Freeport High School

Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation & Honors in Math and Science

Graduated June 2022

Valedictorian | GPA: 109.488 | Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish

- Select Chorale (Treasurer 2020-2022): opened for Rockettes Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall (2019), performed National Anthem for the NY Jets (2019 & 2021), performed at Carnegie Hall as a part of National Concert Chorus under the direction of Jason Max Ferdinand (2022)
- Tri M Music Honor Society (Treasurer), National Honor Society, Varsity Lacrosse (Conference Champions 2022)

PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

"Friday Not Live" | dir. Morgan Levin

Student Film

Assistant Director

January 2025-Present

- Aided director in overseeing pre-production & on-set operations, including scheduling & casting
- Maintained organization & continuity while filming by supervising the script & tracking scenes
- Will assist director in post-production throughout the editing process

"My Condolences"

Student Film

Director, Cinematographer, Writer, Editor

October 2024-December 2024

- Directed & filmed a ten-minute short film juxtaposing themes of grief & loss against resiliency & acceptance
- Wrote the screenplay, casted the actors & coordinated the crew, and managed the production schedule
- Edited the film in Adobe Premiere Pro, including sound design & color correction

"D vine fl-ight" | created by Jazelynn Goudy

Course Project

Cinematographer, Co-Editor

December 2024

- Collaborated with a crew of 5 students to film a dance performance piece created by a Marymount Manhattan College (MMC) dance professor, dedicated to her late sister, tackling themes of perseverance & transformation
- Edited the film with a peer for multi-channel installation in Adobe Premiere Pro, which entailed sound design & formatting the footage for simultaneous display on three walls
- Showcased at MMC's 2024 Stand Up Speak Out Arts & Social Justice Festival

"Senseless" | dir. Morgan Levin

Course Project

Production Designer

December 2024

- Worked closely with the director to interpret a storyboard drawn for *Cinema Studies* class in MMC's college program at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility
- Designed & created shadow puppetry for the film, assisting with choreography & executing puppet movements

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freeport Recreation Center

Freeport, NY

Camp Counselor

June 2022-Present (Seasonal)

- Supervise & mentor a group of about 20 children, ensuring safety of the group when at the pool or outdoor events
- Developed strong communication and conflict resolution skills in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment