

Students and Alumni at Work

Art Studio / Digital Media at Chico State

Digital Media is for students who want to create their own path. Our alumni have made their mark working as creative professionals and entrepreneurs in a wide variety of ways including publishing successful independent comic books, working as creative directors, directing and animating films and commercials, creating licensed apparel for major film, television, videogame, and media companies, and more.

David McMillian, 2020 BA | Owner & Creative Director

After working as an apparel designer for Fifth Sun and Design By Humans, and a graphic designer at Sierra Nevada Brewing Co., David McMillian founded Ensou, a San Jose, California branding and design agency dedicated to creating aesthetic solutions.

Val Moreno, BFA Student | Graphic Designer for E-Commerce

After completing a summer internship in 2019 with Fifth Sun, Val Moreno was hired as a Graphic Designer for the E-Commerce Department where she works with digital illustrations and designs for a variety of properties including Universal Monsters (Dracula, Frankenstein's Monster), The Boys, and Animal Crossing New Horizon. This job opportunity came through our ongoing internship with Fifth Sun.

Val Thomas, 2019 BA | Art Moderator

Val Thomas works for the print on demand apparel company Design By Humans as an Art Moderator where she ensures submitted artwork by thousands of artists from around the world meet copyright, content, and quality standards.

Mai Thao, 2018 BA | Graphic Designer

Mai Thao has been working for Fifth Sun Clothing Company since March of 2019 where she edits digital designs for licensed apparel properties such as Star Wars, DC Comics, Nintendo, Marvel, and more. Fifth Sun is a leading supplier of graphic knit apparel for the retail clothing industry and provides licensed apparel for key retailers such as Hot Topic, Urban Outfitters, Kohls, and Target.

Melissa Pagluica, 2007 BFA | Comic Creator

Melissa graduated with a BFA in Intermedia Studio (now called Digital Media) and has steadily worked as a freelance digital illustrator in San Francisco for the past 14 years. She created the

successful independent comic *Above the Clouds* and has illustrated variant covers for other comics including *Adventure Time* for Boom! Studios. Her work has been featured in *ART DOLL Quarterly*, *Ladies of Steampunk Magazine*, and the documentary *She Makes Comics*.

Weston Thomson, 2003 BFA | Creative Director

Since graduating with his BFA in Electronic Multimedia Art (now called Digital Media), Weston worked as a community outreach manager and director for the Joselyn Art Museum's Kent Bellows Mentoring Program in Omaha, Nebraska. He then worked as the Director of Community Learning at Do Space, a non-profit community center for technology. Weston currently works as a freelance illustrator and Creative Director at Chromatic Black Studio.