

ELENI SAKAS

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Skills

- Photography
- Videography (JVC, Canon, Sony)
- Editing (Adobe Premiere)
- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Lightroom
- Copy Writing
- Social Media Creation & Branding
- Microsoft Office
- Equipment Preparation
- Image Archiving
- Graphic Design (Canva, Adobe)

Experience

Mecum Car Auctions | Walworth, WI

Photographer

10/2024 - Present

- Captured high-quality images of rare vehicles and smaller consignor items, ensuring every product was showcased in its best light for Mecum Auctions' catalogs and online listings.
- Used expert lighting, composition, and editing techniques to highlight unique details, enhancing buyer interest and auction success.
- Consistently delivered polished, brand-consistent images under tight deadlines, supporting Mecum's fast-paced operations.

Molson Coors | Milwaukee, WI

Tour Guide

11/2023 - 06/2024

- Organized and conducted daily tours of Miller Brewery for groups of up to 60 people.
- Contributed to the photography of promotional materials on retail websites.

Fighting Illini Sports Productions |

Champaign, IL

Big 10 Student U Intern

08/2019 - 05/2023

- Worked with a diverse team to create engaging content for live broadcast programs. Sports included women's volleyball, soccer, basketball, tennis, baseball, softball, gymnastics, and football.
- Provided support during photoshoots, video shoots, and other creative projects related to social media campaigns.
- Managed the production and design of graphics for Illini Women's Basketball and Men's Wrestling.
- Archived footage for Men's Football, Women's Soccer, Gymnastics & Basketball

Antioch Movie Theatre | Antioch, IL

Co-Manager

02/2016 - 01/2023

- Greeted customers and provided information about movies, tickets, concessions, and theater policies.
- Assisted in training new employees on proper procedures for ticketing and concessions sales.

Next Name | Chicago, IL

Media Intern

08/2021 - 01/2022

- Created content for social media platforms such as Twitter and Instagram.
- Scouted potential filming locations to determine suitability for production needs.
- Organized events, such as tailgates, to increase public exposure of the brand.

Dreamscape | Champaign, IL

Film Production Intern

08/2019 - 12/2020

- Assisted in setting up filming equipment and props.
- Provided support to the director, producer, and actors during filming.

ISSA | Rosemont, IL

Summer Intern

06/2020 - 08/2020

- Developed & revised promotional materials such as monthly print magazine and WordPress Blog.
- Implemented SEO best practices into website content development process.

Education

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign | Champaign, IL

Bachelor of Science in Media And Cinema Studies

08/2023

- **Minor in Recreation, Sports & Tourism**
- Good Morning Illini & Illini Sports Night Crew

- UIUC Student Film Festival 2021 Social Media Manager
- Illini Public Media Marketing Intern
- UIUC Orthodox Christian Fellowship VP Media
- Dublin City University Studies Abroad on Media in May 2023

Certifications

- Certificates in Media Production, Media Sales, and Sports Production from UIUC.
- Illinois BASSET

Accomplishments

- CORNI Film Award
- National Honor Society
- NSPA Journalism Honor Society
- National English Honor Society
- Quill and Scroll Society

Activities

- Crossroad Boston & Chicago Photographer Summer 2023 & 2024
- Youth Adult League Atlanta, Chicago, Denver Marketing Committees
- Camp Counselor and Media Staff: Fanari, Saint Stephens, MBC 3 years
- Alpha Omicron Pi Member, Historian, Dad's Weekend Chair, & Video Chair
- Roger Ebert Film Festival Volunteer
- Illini Film and Video Club Member

Languages

- English: Native
- Greek: Limited