

***Essay Question: While working at the theatre, what experiences or training did you receive that you feel will benefit you as you pursue your education?***

Working a “retail” job in general has its very specific advantages. It teaches you integrity, leadership, control, communication, collaboration, and many more skillsets. Working with the very talented and lovely crew members, supervisors, and managers at AMC Highlands Ranch 24 has been a blessing in and of itself. I have met many of my lifetime friends and people I would consider family and I wouldn’t trade that for the world. While working at the theatre, I have had to deal and interact with many difficult situations and that has taught me a lot as well. Being able to put your personal experiences aside and differences to make sure you are serving the guest as best as you can. I am pursuing Industrial Design as my career path which many are unaware of or haven’t heard of. It is mainly the designing of products made for mass production and it’s what I have wanted to do since 5th grade. There is not one day that goes by that I don’t use at least one piece of information that I gained at my time at the theatre. Communicating effectively with people, explaining my ideas, taking a leadership role to make sure the team works as fluidly as possible, maintaining satisfaction with the design and with the client, and the list goes on. After my years I have also gained the ability to work efficiently under pressure which I use constantly in my field of education. A main portion of my major is the ability to communicate my ideas for products effectively for teams or clients which I have already had to do countless times in my two years so far. I have to be able to take my ideas, communicate them, and then collaborate with teams to prototype and build them into real and effective products. At the theatre I have been given guidance on several of these processes or related processes. As a supervisor, coming up with ideas to better the systems and processes at AMC is one of my tasks. And communicating these ideas effectively is part of that. Overall the role of supervisor as well as crew have both been able to properly both prepare me for my education but also give me a true head start into my industry with countless gained skills and qualities. Being able to supervise others has helped me in terms of my leadership abilities and management abilities as well. Overall, I couldn’t thank the people at AMC HR24 enough for giving me the opportunity to learn and lead at the theatre, as not only has it been an amazing roller coaster, but also a great foundation for my educational career.