



Naima J. Whitted

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EDUCATION

B.F.A Howard University, Fine Arts - Electronic Studios Concentration
Expected Graduation 2028
2024 Ridge View High School, School of Fine Arts

SELECTED PROGRAMS

2026-27 Howard Disney Storytellers Cohort 3
2025 & 26 Quarantine Summer School for Animation
2023 Spelman Pre-College Art History & Curatorial Studies AUC Program
2022 Ringling College of Art & Design Pre-College

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Photoshop
Procreate, Procreate Dream
Clip Studio Paint
Maya
After Effects

AWARDS AND HONORS

2026 Franklin Armstrong Peanuts Scholarship Recipient
2024 & 25 Juried Selection, Bison At Basel- Miami Beach
2025 Finalist, Target HBCU Design Challenge
2023 Honourable Mention, MOJA Arts Festival, Charleston
2022 & 23 Cover Artist, Richland Public Library's Kids in Print Magazine
2023 Finalist, Cheer Wine T-Shirt Design Contest
2022 Juried Selection, ArtFields, Jr. Art Competition
2021 National Logo Contest Winner, Black Lives Matter at School Competition



LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Richland Library Summer Break Cafe Intern • 2026

Worked with the Richland Library North Main staff to provide K-12th grade students with nutritious meals over the summer, in addition to organizing crafts, activities, and tracking data to assist the program.

Founder, Blue Print Animation Studio Club • 2025 - Current

President and founder of Howard University's first animation studio club. Building a space for students to expand their portfolios and gain experience on animation projects.

QSSA Short Film Creative Director • 2025

Collaborated with a team for the Quarantine Summer School for Animation to create a cohesive design with captivating storytelling elements, organized storyboards, and exchanged critiques.

HU Fine Arts Council, Deputy Chief of Staff • 2025-26

Overseeing College of Fine Arts freshman representatives and assisting Chief of Staff.

1OAK Dance Team, Graphic Editor • 2024-25

Creating media-ready photo designs and visual concepts for HU's K-Pop Dance Team.

HU Fine Arts Council, Freshman Representative • 2024-25

Organizing events and advocating for the needs of the visual arts department.

Ridge View Blazer Theatre, Head Designer • 2020-24

Designed concepts and painted sets and props for six plays and musicals; worked behind the scenes to assist with handling and transitions.

PROJECTS AND PUBLICATIONS

2026	Sterling Notes Literary Magazine: Cover Artwork
2026	Grub Street Magazine: Online Comic <i>Unicorn</i> & Art Exclusive Piece <i>Joy</i>
2025	Animated Short: Walk, created with QSSA
2025	Picture Book: Heaven's Jewel by Rian N. Jenkins



2024

Picture Book: A Blessing for the World by Rian N. Jenkins