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ELLIOTT BERCK

Applicant For: Undergraduate Lighting Design Degree
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PROFILE

I have always enjoyed lighting and hope to further grow as a designer through college courses and experiences that will prepare me for my future professional endeavors.

EDUCATION

NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Naperville, IL, 2022-Present, Class of 2026
GORDON GREGORY MIDDLE SCHOOL
Naperville, IL, 2019-2022, Class of 2022
ROBERT E. CLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Naperville, IL, 2013-2019, Class of 2019

TECHINICAL SKILLS

Lighting designer
EOS programming/operation with
Ion Xe 20 and Ion Classic
GrandMA2 programming/operation
Dot2 programming/operation
xLights (Christmas lighting software)
ADJ myDMX 3.0 programming/operation
Behringer x32 programming/operation
Yamaha Console operation (MGXU, QL5, CL5)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Auditorium Crew (Neuqua Valley High School)
2022-Present

Lighting design (ZR Studios)
2022-Present

Tech Producer (Spevak Percussion Concepts, LLC)
2020-Present

Elliott's Mow Town
2020-Present

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM (2022-Present)
Gained experience working all aspects of tech in an 861-seat high school auditorium with a 65-foot fly space for flexibility in theatrical productions. The auditorium hosts a variety of events throughout the school year and summer.

Lighting Designer/Master Electrician

Theatre: *Spamalot* (2025); *Anonymous* (2024); *The Losers* (2024); *Guys and Dolls* (2024); *Clue* (2023); *This (or something better)* (2023)

Music: *Crystal Concert* (2024, 2023, 2022)

Dance: *Orchesis Showcase* (2025, 2024, 2023); *Steps Showcase* (2024, 2023); *Elevate Showcase* (2024)

Auditorium Crew: *Variety Show* (2025, 2024, 2023); *Mr. NVHS* (2025, 2024, 2023)

Backstage Tech

Theatre: *Chicago* (2023); *She Kills Monsters* (2022)

Music: *Crystal Concert* (2024, 2023, 2022)

Dance: *Orchesis Showcase* (2023)

ZR STUDIOS (2022-Present)

Designed lighting and ambiance for home celebrations and community events for an entertainment company in the Chicagoland area.

GREGORY MIDDLE SCHOOL (2021-2024)

Lighting designer; designed an upgraded lighting rig for the space.

Musical: *Frozen Jr.* (2024); *Matilda Jr.* (2023); *Honk Jr.* (2022); *School House Rock Live! Jr.* (2021, Virtual)

SPEVAK PERCUSSION CONCEPTS, LLC (2020-Present)

Designed lighting, graphics, and audio for student showcases and big band performances, including pre-shows with lasers synchronized to music.

BEYOND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (2020-Present)

Created annual, synchronized Halloween and Christmas light shows using traditional string lights and pixels controlled by xLights software.

PARAMOUNT SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS (2019-2021)

Technical Theatre

Learned skills of technical theatre from industry professionals from Paramount Theatre's own production shops for the theatre's Broadway Series shows.

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AWARDS

NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

National German Exam – Gold Medal (2025)
Director's Choice Award – Theatre (2024)
Wildcat Pride Award – Government (2024)
Rising Star – Theatre (2023)
Wildcat Pride Award – Band (2022)

GORDON GREGORY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Gordon Gregory Leadership Award (2022)
Band Director's Award (2020)

COMMITTEES

Neuqua Vally Leadership Panel (2025)
Neuqua Valley Freshman Ambassadors (2023)
Neuqua Valley Freshman Mindsets (2022-2023)

HOBBIES

Lighting design
Music – percussion and guitar
Studio production
Synchronized holiday light shows
FPV drones (cinematic and acro)
Video editing
Electrical and electronic projects
Smart home automation
Custom PC assembly

MUSIC EXPERIENCE

NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Neuqua Valley Symphony Orchestra: Percussion (2023-Present)
Chamber-level students perform high-quality orchestral music
Directors: Jonathan Lauff and Kevan Kosobayashi

Neuqua Valley Band: Percussion (2022-Present)

Curricular band
Senior: *Wind Ensemble*; Junior: *Wind Ensemble*; Sophomore: *Wind Symphony*; Freshman: *Concert Winds*
Directors: Emily Binder, Scott Oliver, and Jonathan Lauff

Marching Wildcats: Percussion (2022-Present)

Neuqua Valley Marching Band
Senior Leadership Team (2024 Season); Snare (2024 and 2023 Seasons); Pit Percussion (2022 Season)
Notable Performances: *Reliaquest Bowl Halftime Show* (2024); *Disney's Magic Kingdom Parade* (2023)
Director: Emily Binder

Blue Steel Band: Double Seconds, Engine Room (2022-Present)

Steel pan and rhythm section ensemble
Director: Matt Plaskota

SPEVAK PERCUSSION CONCEPTS, LLC: Percussion (2019-Present)

The nation's largest privately-owned percussion studio
Weekly Lessons (2019-present); Funk Band: *Percussion, Guitar* (2020-Present); Percussion Ensemble (2021-2022); Drum Set Class (2019-2020)

Directors: Vern Spevak and Aaron Spevak

GORDON GREGORY MIDDLE SCHOOL: Percussion and Guitar (2019-2022)

Curricular Band: *Percussion* (2019-2022); Jazz Ensemble: *Drum Set, Guitar* (2019-2022); Memorial Day Parade: *Tenors* (2022)
Director: Kelly Dimidik

ROBERT E. CLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Chorus (2017-2019); Young Composer's Club (2018-2019)

PERCUSSION FOR KIDS: Weekly percussion lessons (2017-2019)

SCHOOL OF ROCK: Summer Performance Camps (*Summers* 2015-2020); *Rookies* (2014-2015); *Little Wing* (2013-2014)

GUITAR: Weekly private lessons (2014-2023)