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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, Expected graduation 2026
GORDON GREGORY MIDDLE SCHOOL
Naperville, IL, 2019-2022, Class of 2022
ROBERT E. CLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Naperville, IL, 2013-2019, Class of 2019

TECHNICAL 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

Contract work with Litronicx Ltd.
2025-Present

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 (2025, 2024, 2023); Elevate Showcase (2025, 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 (2021-2025)

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

Musical: Beetlejuice Jr. (2025); 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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A W A R D S

NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

3rd Place IHSA Musical Theatre Review (2025)
Neuqua Honors through the
Administration, Mathematics, and
Social Studies Departments (2025)
National German Exam – Gold Medal (2025)
Director's Choice Award – Theatre (2024)
Neuqua Honors through the English, Theatre, and
World Language Departments (2024)
Wildcat Pride Award – Government (2024)
Rising Star – Theatre (2023)
Wildcat Pride Award – Band (2022)

C O M M I T T E E S

NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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

GORDON GREGORY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Student Council (2019-2022)

H O B B I E S

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

M U S I C E X P E R I E N C E

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 (2025 and 2024 Seasons); Snare (2025, 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)