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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)

## ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

**ELLIOTT'S MOW TOWN**  
2020-Present  
Provided annual landscaping services during spring, summer, and fall months for multiple families including mowing, mulching, trimming, watering, and landscape lighting installation.

## TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

### KLA CHICAGO (July 2025-Present)

Designed and operated lighting for Itasca Fest 2025, programmed lighting at Funway Ultimate Entertainment Center's bowling alley, and added to the permanent audio installation at Village Bible Church.

### LITRONICX LTD. (June 2025)

Installed a long-term lighting rig for Country Club Hills Summer Concert Series at Country Club Hills Amphitheatre as a contracted employee.

### NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM (2022-Present)

Gained experience working all technical aspects in an 861-seat high school auditorium with a 65-foot fly space for flexibility in theatrical productions.

### *Lighting Designer/Master Electrician*

**Musical Theatre:** *Mamma Mia!* (2026); *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* (2025); *Tony & Tina's Wedding* (2025); *Spamalot* (2025); *Anonymous* (2024); *The Losers* (2024); *Guys and Dolls* (2024); *Clue* (2023); *This (or something better)* (2023)

**Music:** Crystal Concert (2025, 2024, 2023, 2022)

**Dance:** Orchesis Showcase (2026, 2025, 2024, 2023); Steps Showcase (2025, 2024, 2023); Elevate Showcase (2025, 2024)

**Auditorium Crew:** Variety Show (2026, 2025, 2024, 2023); Mr. NVHS (2025, 2024, 2023)

### *Backstage Tech*

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

**Music:** Crystal Concert (2025, 2024, 2023, 2022)

**Dance:** Orchesis Showcase (2023)

### ZR STUDIOS (2022-Present)

Designed lighting and ambiance for home celebrations and community events for a Chicagoland-area entertainment company.

### GREGORY MIDDLE SCHOOL (2021-2025)

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

**Musical Theatre:** *Mary Poppins Jr.* (2026); *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 for a multi-house display.

### 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

Illinois State Scholar (2026-2027)

Seal of Bilingualism – German (2026)

Neuqua Honors – Music, Business Departments (2026)

National German Exam – Gold Medal (2026)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place IHSA Musical Theatre Review (2025)

Neuqua Honors - Administration, Mathematics, and  
Social Studies Departments (2025)

National German Exam – Gold Medal (2025)

Director's Choice Award – Theatre (2024)

Neuqua Honors - English, Theatre, and

World Language Departments (2024)

Wildcat Pride Award – Social Studies (2024)

Rising Star – Theatre (2023)

Wildcat Pride Award – Music (2022)

### GORDON GREGORY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Gordon Gregory Leadership Award (2022)

Pioneer Pride Award (2021, 2019)

Band Director's Award (2020)

S.T.A.R.S. Award (2019)

## COMMITTEES

### 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)

## 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: Kevan Kosobayashi and Jonathan Lauff

**Neuqua Valley Band:** Percussion (2022-Present)

Curricular band

Honors Wind Ensemble (Senior Year); Wind Ensemble (Junior Year); Wind

Symphony (Sophomore Year); Concert Winds (Freshman Year)

Directors: Emily Binder, Jonathan Lauff, and Scott Oliver

**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

Percussion Ensemble (2021-2022); Funk Band: Percussion, Guitar (2020-

Present); Weekly Lessons (2019-Present); Drum Set Class (2019-2020)

Directors: Aaron Spevak and Vern Spevak

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

Memorial Day Parade: Tenors (2022); Curricular Band: Percussion (2019-2022);

Jazz Ensemble: Drum Set, Guitar (2019-2022)

Director: Kelly Dimidik

## MUSICAL BEGINNINGS

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

**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)