

# Eli Gross

## Animator & Character Designer

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### Education

**Exceptional Minds** Sherman Oaks, CA 2019 — present

- Courses: Animation, Photoshop, After Effects, VFX, 3D/Maya
- Expected graduation 2022

**The Animation Academy** Burbank, CA 2018 — 2019

- Courses: Character Design I & II, Visual Development I

**Awards:** Earned Certificates in Character Design I & II, Visual Development I

**Santa Monica College** Santa Monica, CA 2017 — present

- Major: Entertainment Technology • Minor: Animal-Based Therapy
- Expected graduation 2021

**Yeshiva Zichron Paltiel** Staten Island, NY 2016 — 2018

- Courses: Talmudic Studies

### Professional Experience

**Exceptional Minds** Sherman Oaks, CA 2019 — present



Teacher's Assistant: Summer Workshop Animation Course  
Character Animator: *"Myth-Logic"* - Collaborative Project for Animated Short



**DREAMWORKS** Mentorship, with Saul Blinkoff  
**DREAMWORKS / MyAbilities Network** Attendee, Summer 2021  
**DREAMWORKS** Seminar Series Attendee, Summer 2020



Intro Speaker & Moderator at **nickelodeon**: Character Design Workshop, with Ernie Gilbert



**SKYDANCE ANIMATION** Mentorship, with Bryan Davidson & Ariel Goldberg  
**SKYDANCE ANIMATION / BRIC** Networking Summit: Exceptional Minds Representative



Volunteer at CTN Animation Expo



**Lights! Camera! Access!**: Exceptional Minds Representative



**Integrate** Autism Employment Advisors Inc.: Exceptional Minds Representative

**Awards:** Earned "Best-of" awards for:  
*Intro to Animation • Intro to 3D • Intermediate Animation*

**Staples Safari Zoo Camp** Clayton, WA 2019 — present

Graphic Designer / Activity Director / Zookeeper

- Design marketing materials, manage website and social media, photo and video editing, manage and organize registration materials
- Manage and run activities, daily care of zoo animals and habitats, PADI Scuba instruction

**Cali Distillery** Gardena, CA 2020 — 2021

Graphic Designer

- Freelance photo editing, retouching, photography, and photomanipulation

### Related Experience

**Camp Gan Yisroel West** North Fork, CA 2014 — 2018

Equestrian Director

- 2016-2018 • Senior Equestrian Director
- 2014-2015 • Assistant Equestrian Director
- Horse trainer, wrangler, and riding instructor

**Awards:** In 2016, earned *"Most Liked and Easy-going Staff Member"* award

**VCA Century Veterinary Group** Los Angeles, CA 2013

Veterinary Clinic Volunteer

- Daily animal care
- Assisted with surgeries

### Software Fluency



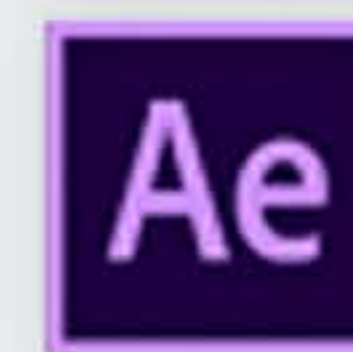
Animate



Photoshop



Premiere Pro



After Effects



Maya



ZBrush



Substance Painter



DAZ Studio



Krita



Microsoft Office



Google Suite



Shotgun

### Skills

2D / 3D  
Character Design  
Character Animation  
Visual Development  
Staying On-Model  
Draftsmanship  
Collaboration  
Instruction/Teaching  
Organization

### Additional Experience

First-Aid/CPR Certified 2020 — present

PADI Scuba Certified 2014 — present

2014 • Open Water Diver

2019 • Advanced Open Water Diver

2020 • Rescue Diver

Kitchen Assistant at Pizza Station

Los Angeles, CA 2019 — present

- Aid all aspects of food preparation

