

D. Paul Vermeesch III

dpaulv@gmail.com • www.paulvermeesch.com • 231-645-9100

I am an artistic, thoughtful twenty-year-old with a Myers Briggs INFJ personality type. I've been blessed to be well-traveled, well-read, and a part of a wonderful small family. Hailing from a Northern Michigan farmstead overlooking Lake Michigan, I'm currently a rising fourth year student studying at Wheaton College in Chicago, Illinois.

Education:

- **Classical Home Education, Grades K-12**
Grades K-4, Chicago; Grades 5-7, Oklahoma, Greece, 37 states; Grades 8-12, Michigan, 4.0 GPA.
- **Stanford University Pre-Collegiate Studies Grades 9-12**
Honors and AP courses — Palo Alto, CA. 4.0 GPA.
- **Wheaton College**
BA in Communication: Media Studies, Minor in the Hebrew Bible — Chicago, IL. 3.8 GPA.

Extracurricular Sports and Volunteer:

- **Fencing**
Recreational foil fencing, Three Swords Fencing Club.
- **Horsemanship**
Skilled rider of twelve years, well versed in horsemanship, equine personality, and basic training.
- **Theater**
Played the lead in a Wheaton College student-directed production in 2014.
Participated in Wheaton College Arena Theater doing acting and production work 2015-2017.
- **Lego Club Volunteer Leader**
Charlevoix Public Library's Lego technique/style educator. Kids ages 6-14. References available.
- **Lego Class Teacher**
Petoskey YMCA Lego class program leader and educator. Kids ages 6-9.
- **C.S. Lewis Festival, Youth Program Facilitator**
Designer of a Lego Narnia model built by students under my direction. See portfolio.
- **Moose International 2015 Convention, Youth Program Facilitator**
Designer of a Lego model built by students under my direction and raffled for charity. See portfolio.
- **Youth Bible Study Leader**
Torah Club teacher, kids ages 5-10. Youth Retreat Counselor, kids ages 12-18. References available.
- **Discipleship Small Group Leader**
Mentored and disciplined freshman and sophomores at Wheaton College, 2015-2016.
- **International Farming**
Date and grape farming on an Israeli moshav in the West Bank, 2016.

Portfolio:

Photography, videography, Lego, design, and writing portfolios can be found at:
www.paulvermeesch.com.

Academic Extracurricular:

- **National History Day Competition**
Interdisciplinary history studies contest. Competed at regionals, state, and nationals in 2011.
- **Newspaper, Stanford University Pre-Collegiate Studies**
Served on the editorial staff of the school's newspaper, facilitating the move to a web-based platform.
- **Student Ambassador, Stanford University Pre-Collegiate Studies**
Represented the online institution and interacted with prospective students.
- **Debate Camp, Patrick Henry College**
Participated in a two week intensive debate training and competition.
- **Freshman Class Council Position, Wheaton College**
Served as a member on council with the responsibility of coordinating and directing the class film.
- **McLuhan's Faith and Works Academic Conference**
Presented a paper to critical acclaim at an academic conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba. 2016.
- **Teaching Assistant**
TA for Dr. Read Schuchardt, Media Studies, Public Speaking, Digital Society, Iconomy. 2016-2017.

Awards and Achievements:

- **Debate**
First place speaking award, NCFCA debate branch, Patrick Henry College Debate Camp.
- **Literature**
Outstanding achievement award, Stanford Pre-Collegiate Studies, Textual Analysis and Argumentation.
\$500 Second Place Award in the 2015 and 2016 Jameson Critical Essay Contest.
- **Scholastic**
Awarded the "Director's Scholarship," Stanford University Pre-Collegiate Studies, 2012.
Awarded the President's Scholarship and appointed to the Dean's List, Wheaton College, 2015-2017.
Awarded the "Alemán Award for Excellence in First Year Scholarship" by Wheaton College, 2015.
Awarded honors in Lambda Pi Eta National Communication Association, 2017.
Awarded the competitive "Senior Scholarship," by the Wheaton College Alumni Association, 2017.
- **Photography**
Second place in local youth photography contest.
Second place in national Home School Legal Defense Association photography contest.
First place in the 2015 MyWheaton photo contest, Second place in the 2016 contest.
- **Videography and Film**
First place in regional and state, and a national competitor with a ten minute documentary film, "Truman's Palestine." National History Day Competition, 2011.
"People's Choice" award for animated short film, Brickworld Chicago 2013 Film Festival.
Grand Prize winner of the 2014 MyWheaton video contest.
Best cinematography and editing for the 2015 Wheaton freshman class film.
- **Sculpture and Architecture**
"Best Small Building" for commissioned scale model of Charlevoix Public Library, Brickworld Chicago 2013, International exhibition and conference. See portfolio.
First place for a carved book landscape in the "Student Art Student Sound" public art exhibition, 2014.

Press:

- Newspapers and web for National History Day achievements. Global viral exposure with a Lego version of M.C. Escher's "Relativity." Featured in regional news for a Lego replica of Charlevoix Public Library, and for work with C.S. Lewis Festival students on Lego model of Narnian castle. Work published in four coffee table art books. See portfolio.

Employment:

- **The Space, LLC**
President and Executive Director of a creative co-working center for entrepreneurship. 2017-2018.
- **Animator, Monitogo Studios**
Stop motion animator on a feature-length children's film with a Missouri production company in 2014.
- **Freelance Photographer**
Event coverage and portraiture. See portfolio.
- **Freelance Videographer**
Full-service promotional video work for festivals, businesses, and artists, with sustained work for Wheaton College in the Admissions, Marketing, Alumni, and Vocation departments. See portfolio.
- **Freelance Graphic Designer**
Logo design and identities for conferences, artists, and start-ups. See portfolio.
- **Video Editor, Notionfront**
Professional post production of promotional videos. See portfolio.
- **Lawn Care and Property Maintenance**
Mowing, trimming, mulching, painting, weeding, planting, and general property upkeep.
- **Horse Care and Management**
Upkeep for traveling owners and training in cooperation with owners. References available.
- **Miniature Modeling**
Advanced Lego design and sculpture commissions-based business for local festivals, businesses, and individuals. Hired by the Lego Company for proof-of-concept design work in 2015. See portfolio.
- **Paul's Clay Critters**
Clay sculpting business started in 2006 and managed for several years.

Skills:

- **Hebrew Language**
Two years of modern Hebrew syntax, grammar, and vocabulary. Two years of Biblical Hebrew.
- **Software**
Word, Pages, Keynote, Final Cut Pro, After Effects, Cinema 4D, Google Sketchup, Illustrator, Photoshop, Lightroom, InDesign. 72 WPM typist.
- **Creative**
DSLR photography and videography, creative and analytical writing, Lego artistry, and graphic design.
- **Management**
Skilled with lawn care equipment and proficient in horse handling and management.
- **Educational**
Accustomed to working with and educating elementary and middle-school children and teens.