

# Ashley N. VanderKooy

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I am a recent film graduate looking to expand my skills and knowledge within the film and television industry. I have experience with video, lighting, and sound, and have worked with independent and studio projects alike. I am a team player who is eager to assist in bringing projects to their completion and truly desire to contribute my skills to new projects through all aspects of production.

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## EDUCATION

**University of Southern Mississippi - Art BA & Media and Entertainment (Film) BA, (Magna Cum Laude)**  
 Hattiesburg, MS  
 August 2020 - May 2023  
 Activities and societies: Secretary for the USM Film Club

## EMPLOYMENT

**Target**  
 Hattiesburg and D'Iberville, MS  
 Guest Advocate (Service and Engagement)  
 July 2020 - Present

**Convergence Entertainment Group - "Armored"**  
 Pearlinton, MS  
 Office Production Assistant  
 October 2023

## PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

**Event Photographer/Videographer**  
 South Central Droid Builders  
 June 2023 - Present

**Live Sound Engineer and Live Stream Assistant**  
 First Presbyterian Church of Biloxi  
 March 2023 - Present

## SKILLS

Camera Operation  
 Digital Photography  
 Cinematography  
 Illustration  
 Graphic Design  
 Creative Writing  
 Organization  
 Communication  
 Collaboration

## AWARDS

2023 USM Film Top Student  
 2022 USM Outstanding Senior  
 2021 USM Outstanding Student in Art BA  
 2020 MGCCC Roy Lichtenstein Award for Excellence in Design  
 2019 MGCCC Visual Art Outstanding Achievement Award

**PERSONAL PROJECTS**

“**Hang On**” – *Short Student Film (Rough Cut) (USM)*  
 Present  
 Written, Directed, Edited, and Staring: Ashley VanderKooy

“**Which Flourish Here Still**” – *Short Student Film (USM)*  
 May 2023  
 Writing and Cinematography By: Ashley VanderKooy

“**Pre-Burn**” – *Short Student Film (USM)*  
 May 2023  
 Written and Directed By: Ashley VanderKooy

“**BEAUMONT**” – *Short Student Film (USM)*  
 May 2022  
 Written, Directed, and Edited By: Ashley VanderKooy

**CONTRIBUTOR ON PROJECTS**

“**The World According to Ryan Kine**” – *Short Student Film (USM)*  
 May 2023  
 Cinematography and Sound By: Ashley VanderKooy

“**The Invisible Crime**” – *Short Student Film (USM)*  
 April 2023  
 Cinematography By: Ashley VanderKooy

“**Not Gone**” – *Short Student Film (USM)*  
 April 2023  
 1st AC and Sound By: Ashley VanderKooy

“**Timing**” – *Short Student Film (USM)*  
 April 2023  
 1st AC and Sound By: Ashley VanderKooy

**SOFTWARE & EQUIPMENT**

Canon Products  
 LED and DP Kits  
 Sound Recorder and  
 Microphone Packages  
 MAC and PC  
 Sling Studio  
 Adobe Premiere Pro  
 Adobe Photoshop  
 Adobe Illustrator  
 Microsoft Word  
 Microsoft PowerPoint

**REFERENCES**

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