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**ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

Recording, Radio, Film Connection & CASA Schools offer open program enrollment for an applicant meeting the admissions requirements. A student may begin the selected program of study only after being accepted by the mentor and determining the official start date. All programs are scheduled for regular program completion at the end of six to nine months of the start date depending upon the selected program and total program clock hours.

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**MILITARY VETERANS** will receive the earliest **Priority Date** based on their official course registration date and class availability.

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## **FACULTY/ACADEMIC FACILITATORS/STUDENT SERVICES**

### **ELLIOT CAMPOS | *Faculty/Academic Facilitator Film Connection***

*Bachelor of Arts in Film and Video, Concentration in Screenwriting, Columbia College, Chicago, IL*

Elliot grew up in Sterling, Illinois and earned a degree in Screenwriting from Columbia College Chicago. Since moving to Los Angeles, he's written numerous screenplays, interned at film production studios like Valhalla Entertainment ("The Walking Dead") and Radar Pictures (Pitch Black), and worked on projects starring Emilio Rivera ("Sons of Anarchy") and the late Roddy Piper (They Live).

### **KRISTIANNE DESCHER | *Faculty/Academic Facilitator Culinary***

*Associate of Occupational Studies Degree in Culinary Arts, California School of Culinary Arts, Le Cordon Bleu Program, Los Angeles, CA*

Chef Kristi is a Pastry Chef and Chef Instructor from Los Angeles, CA. She has a bachelor's degree in Media Management, Communications from Cal State University, Northridge and a Culinary Arts Degree from Le Cordon Bleu, Pasadena. She has had over 25 years of experience in the restaurant industry. In 2008, she competed in an International Culinary Competition hosted by San Pellegrino and won the overall competition and was named "San Pellegrino's Almost Famous Chef" for 2008. She was on the opening team at Bouchon in Beverly Hills, was the Pastry Chef at La Grande Orange Café, BoHo Restaurant in Hollywood, Max Restaurant in Encino, Maximiliano in Highland Park, and consulting for Abby's Millstone Baking Company in Agoura, to name a few. She has taught Culinary Arts for the past 8 years, and has taught College of the Canyons in Valencia, CA and at ICE (Institute of Culinary Education) in Pasadena, as well as writing curriculum for the RRFC CASA Program. You can also catch her this Fall on Season 8 of the Halloween Baking Championship on Food Network.

### **OTTO SCHATZ | *Faculty/Academic Facilitator Recording Connection***

*Bachelor of Arts in Music Production and Composition, Bennington College, Bennington, VT*

Otto Schatz has been passionate about music for as long as they can remember. Born in Brooklyn, their father was instrumental in providing a diverse palette of genres and styles to listen to at an early age that instilled a desire to explore that drives them to this day. They explored basic guitar playing during the tail end of high school, but once they took a Recording & Mixing Music class at Bennington College, Otto was hooked into the world of production completely. Otto worked as a Recording Studio Assistant for their school's regular studio and electronic studio where they tutored fellow students and made sure the studios were running efficiently. Outside of college, Otto worked at a recording studio in New York City and has collaborated with various artists in different disciplines. Doing original compositions and sound design, they have worked doing short films, dance, theater, podcasts, and a video game next to production work for other musicians and their personal compositions. After they earned their bachelor's degree in music composition and production, Otto moved to Washington State to further pursue their dark take on ambient music and find more potential artistic collaborators.



**ALEXANDER SOLIS | *Assistant Director of Academics/Faculty/Academic Facilitator Recording Connection and Radio Connection***

*Bachelor of Science, Music Production, Full Sail University, Winter Park, FL*

Alex Solis is an artist, producer, audio engineer, songwriter, and vocalist from Los Angeles. Alex attended a post-secondary school where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Music Production. Since then, Alex has composed several original sound scores for indie films, and he recently completed a pilot for the show American Guitar, serving as co-composer of original music as well as manning the tracking of voice overs. He is passionate about sharing his knowledge and helping guide today's rising talents in engineering and production.

**ALEJANDRO (ALEX) TORRES IV | *Faculty/Academic Facilitator Recording Connection***

*Bachelor of Science, Audio Engineering Technology, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT*

Alex Torres is an audio engineer and hip-hop artist from Hartford, Connecticut. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from The University of Hartford with a Bachelor of Science degree in Audio Engineering Technology. He later founded HKE Studios where he procured placements engineering for artists like Akon and many others. With a lot of real-world experience and erudite book smarts, Alex looks forward to helping up-and-coming engineers, beat makers, artists, and producers excel in Recording Connection and gain the insight and knowledge it takes to be a professional in today's multifaceted music industry.

**SAMUEL ZULFER | *Director of Academics/Faculty/Academic Facilitator Recording Connection***

*Bachelor of Arts in Audio Design and Production, Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, IL*

Chicago-born native Samuel Zulfer has had a passion for music all his life. His love for EDM only fueled his fascination with using the latest digital technologies to create soul-stirring dance music. During his time studying at Columbia College Chicago in their Audio Design & Production department, Sam further developed his studio recording and mixing talents and in-depth knowledge of mic uses and techniques. While Sammy continued to advance in his skills as an electronic music producer, he made the jump from Reason into Ableton. When Sam isn't working on his own unique music as BigSammyZ and is deeply committed to empowering today's creators with the solid skills and real-world insight they need to succeed

**HUGO MONTERROSA | *Faculty/Academic Facilitator Culinary***

*Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing and Literature, CSU Long Beach, Long Beach, CA.  
 Culinary Arts, Culinary Institute of America, St. Helena, CA*

Hugo is a Private Chef and Consultant based in Carlsbad, CA. With over 17 years of food industry experience he has worked in a wide variety of food service sectors from fine dining to special events to school nutrition and everything in between. Hugo is a graduate of California State University, Long beach where he studied Literature and Creative Writing. After which he attended the Culinary Institute of America, Greystone in St. Helena, CA When he is not cooking, he spends time building guitars and making music with his daughter.



**DEVIN MINIX | Faculty/Academic Facilitator Recording Connection**

*Bachelor of Arts Jazz Pedagogy and Audio Production, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, LA*

Hailing from the vibrant music scene of New Orleans, LA, Devin has built an impressive career at the intersection of music and technology. With roles spanning audio engineering at the House of Blues, audio editing for Audiochuck, content specialization for Spotify, metadata expertise for Apple, and artist relations at DistroKid, Devin brings a wealth of experience to every project. A graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in Jazz Studies and Audio Engineering, and an alumnus of the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts, Devin combines deep technical expertise with a lifelong passion for music. As an active musician and sound engineer, he thrives on performing and crafting extraordinary soundscapes, driven by the rich cultural heritage of his hometown.

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