

## **Student Recommendations**

### **Leng Lor / Innovation Industrial Artist / Viston**

David Clifton is one of my most respected instructors who's expansive knowledge, creativity, and enthusiasm for teaching will undoubtedly make him an outstanding addition to any creative team or teaching staff. His area of expertise encompasses both digital and traditional art and includes but isn't limited to drawing, color theory, video game creation, compositing, film, animation and photography. His creativity and ability to think on the spot is infectious. If a student is stumped on a project he is always ready with a bag of ideas to help inspire and push the student. I highly recommend David Clifton for any creative or teaching position as his experience, knowledge and ability to work with others can only bring high praise.

### **James Banghart / Western Piedmont Community College / Student**

I'm writing this recommendation for David Clifton because I truly believe that he is one of the best instructors you could have in your repertoire. Mr. Clifton is among a rare breed of instructors. What sets him apart from the rest, is that despite the fact that he has already reached instructor status he is still willing to learn not only by himself through research, but also through communication with his students and coworkers. Simple practices like this have made him knowledgeable beyond most others, as well as made him a fond leader and companion to his students. Mr. Clifton is comfortable teaching, relatable to his students, and has made my years as a student enjoyable and fruitful. I was constantly able to comfortably bounce ideas off him in and out of the classroom, and each and every discussion led to some epiphany or new practice to try. I would like to sum up this writing by saying, I fully recommend David Clifton for any position in the field of 3-Dimensional or 2-Dimensional Art and I'd be willing to bet each student Mr. Clifton has ever taught would be willing to say the same.

### **Denny Smith / Western Piedmont Community College / Student**

David Clifton is one of the most respected professors for his ability not only as an artist but as an instructor. With Mr. Clifton's talent and instruction many students have come out of the program leap and bounds better than they previously were. Mr. Clifton has an attitude that drives people to do their best and the will to keep them going further.

### **Anthony Lyda / Western Piedmont Community College / Student**

One of the best teachers in his field Mr. Clifton is always up-to-date on the newest technologies and evolving techniques. Mr. Clifton encourages tradition as well as innovation. Easy going and easy to work with.

### **Christopher Ollis / Western Piedmont Community College / Student**

Mr. Clifton was my teacher for multiple classes that I have had since coming to Western Piedmont Community College. I'm honored to have him as a teacher and I have learned multitudes of information just by talking to him and being in his classes. His best asset is his attitude, he is always positive and he is a student just like us. He is always working to improve and show us better ways on how he set up a model or changes up his technique and doesn't mind going over what he already covered whether it be outside or in class and is always patient. Anyone wanting to hire Mr. Clifton will get a guy who knows what he is doing, someone who brings a positive attitude to the work environment.

## **Gary Pope / Western Piedmont Community College / Student**

Mr. Clifton is an Excellent Teacher! He has been there and helped me ever since I started attending the Simulation and Game Development program. From fundamental lessons to advanced techniques, Mr. Clifton has helped me excel in every subject. As a great friend and Professor, he goes out of his way to help in any way possible; inside and outside of the classroom. Anyone who is serious about Art or Game Development, I highly suggest Mr. Clifton to be your Guide.

## **Chimin Xiong / Western Piedmont Community College / Student**

David Clifton is a well respected instructor. He encouraged me a lot as a student when I got into 3D. He was there to help offer suggestion and gave good feedback on how I could improve my models. Mr. Clifton is a big inspiration as to why I wanted to pursue 3D as a career.

## **Kue Vue / Western Piedmont Community College / Student**

Mr. Clifton is an excellent instructor and he is one I highly respected. Not only his teaching skill is great but his expansive knowledge in art compliments his teaching methods. He is multi talented! I have taken many of his classes. With his positive and fun attitude classes were always enjoyable. I will always remember him for teaching me digital art. If it wasn't for his knowledge I wouldn't be where I am now. As a former student, I was and am honored to have him as an instructor.