Pedagogy Philosophy

By teaching I want to have the chance to help people find their own voice in the work that they create. I guide them, by showing them either new techniques and perspectives, that will kindle a new fire. I owe my current life path to the professors who have sparked that fire within myself, and it more important than ever to pass that torch of knowledge forward to my students.

I feel it is important to try to connect with my students on a personal level in order to gain a deeper knowledge of what helps them learn. This personal connection allows me to facilitate lessons around topics that my students will find interesting and relevant to their life. Causing more engagement and interest in the toolset being taught. It is important to set aside out of class time hours and be available to hear students out if they are struggling with an assignment. This gives me a new perspective of learning a toolset through a fresh set of eyes, allowing me to reiterate the way I teach, keeping the curriculum fresh, new, and engaging.

As a digital media educator, I am not interested in students having the perfect code or the most realistic 3d model, I am more interested to see what new works my students can create through any given media that express a compelling thought or idea. That they can produce works that will resonate with themselves and their audience. By providing the tools and knowledge to create a new art from thoughts they could not express before. Giving them the power to be freethinkers. Instead of just a person with a certain skillset, that has no innovative ideas for themselves. But, being able to break away from the heard, becoming the wolf, and creating their own path.