Purpose
The Provost Scholars will participate in the interactive lecture, “So You Want to be a Game Designer?” This presentation explores the philosophical design considerations in the creation of games and interactive media and explores the larger question…what is a game? Each Scholar will have an opportunity to learn how to become a video game designer with Mr. Jared Bendis, the Creative New Media Officer in the Kelvin Smith Library.

Presenter Biography

Mr. Jared Bendis is an award-winning installation artist, photographer, teacher, playwright and filmmaker. He is a specialist in photography, virtual reality, and computer graphics and serves as the Creative New Media Officer for Case Western Reserve University’s Kelvin Smith Library. As the Creative New Media Officer, Jared weaves together cutting-edge technologies with proven, innovative pedagogical strategies to create rich multimedia experiences. Mr. Bendis also holds adjunct appointments in the CWRU Art Studio, Music, and SAGES departments where he teaches courses on multimedia, instructional technology, and New Media Literacy. He received his B.A. from Case Western Reserve University in Psychology with minors in Music and Art Studio and his M.A. in Art Education from the Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Institute of Art joint program. For more information about Mr. Bendis, please visit: http://library.case.edu/ksl/aboutus/kslstaff

Objectives
The Provost Scholars will...
(1) Learn about video game designing, computer graphics and digital media art creation
(2) Explore the inner workings of virtual reality and how game designers augment reality through technology and visual perception

Agenda
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: The Provost Scholars will have a light snack
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.: The Scholars will participate in a video gaming lecture with Mr. Jared Bendis
4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.: Group discussion about the lecture topic
4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Wrap up and preparation for the journey home

Faculty
• Dr. Faye Gary
• Katrice Williams, Master’s Student, Program Manager
• Undergraduate tutors from the Step Up Program and the African-American Society

Guest
• Mr. Jared Bendis, Creative New Media Officer at the Kelvin Smith Library

Word of the Week: Chimera; Synonyms: Virtual Reality, Mirage, Illusion, and Figment. How do I use ‘chimera’ in a sentence? Nearby is an interesting modern sculpture of the mythical beast called a chimera.