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In The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Mickey Mouse makes things happen by waving his wand. CI alum Amber Ugarte knows, firsthand, it takes much more to create Disney magic.

A freelance Commercial Production Manager currently working for Disney ABC Networks Group, Ugarte manages the business, financial and recruitment side of production for promotional segments aired on Disney Channel and Disney XD worldwide. These include talent from several current Disney television shows: Jessie, Austin & Ally, Girl Meets World, KC Undercover, Kirby Buckets and more.

Ugarte began her career as a junior-level assistant and persevered up the ranks to production management. Although she works regularly with entertainment industry elite, she cites a project involving Star Wars Stormtroopers as her most memorable accomplishment thus far. "I had the opportunity to work side-by-side with some of the most recognizable characters from what is, arguably, the most successful film franchises of all time," she says. "It made me feel like all my hard work and determination was paying off, and these rebels were the symbol of my current triumphs and future successes."

Reflecting back on her college days, Ugarte credits CI with sowing the early seeds of her success. "CI provided a safe learning environment that allowed me to fully explore my potential and gain confidence," she says. "I strive to create that same environment on my sets and foster others' growth."


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