Karen Nguyen

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Work Experience

Best Version Media | San Jose — 2026 – Present

Photographer

- **Capture and edit 3+ images monthly** for the cover of Cambrian Living magazine
- **Communicate with leads** and plan the date, time, and location to deliver the photos on time to the publisher

Its Karen Productions | Bay Area — 2022 – Present

Freelance Photographer

- **Built a photography business from the ground up**, specializing in documenting life's significant moments
- **Manage client relations and promotions**: Leverage CRM platforms (e.g., Thumbtack, Pixieset, Unscripted App), and used social media
- **High-Quality Deliverables:** Processing and editing an average of 100+ images per project with Lightroom
- **Innovative Conceptualization:** Planned and executed photo shoots, meticulously designing client mood boards and scouting locations
- **Hired to Capture 2 Guinness World Records:** (a) serial years attending a high school reunion, and (b) yearbook signatures in 24 hours

Our Climate | Remote — 2026

Visual Effects Fellow

- **Created social media content** of 5+ graphic designs by utilizing Canva in collaboration with a fellow
- **Edited podcasts and did revisions** in DaVinci Resolve Pro from feedback on 3 raw video files into audio files

Our City Forest | San Jose — 2025

AmeriCorps Member

- **Served and offered environmental stewardship** within the Santa Clara County community
- **Tree Care with an 8-person team:** Conducted site visits for trees and maintenance
- **Increased stewardship:** Helped lead and inform volunteers about tree care maintenance
- **Nursery support:** Irrigation for trees in pots, maintained organization of trees and supplies of the site
- **Outreach team:** Curated graphic designs with a team of 2 and offered photography at events, encouraging retention by posting signage in local neighborhoods

Volunteer Experience

San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory | Bay Area — 2025 – Present

Video Editor

- **Edited nearly 12+ 1-hour-long Birdy Hour podcast videos with DaVinci Resolve Pro,** uploaded onto YouTube, and shared in the email newsletters for archives

Turtle Up | Remote — 2025 – 2026

Social Media Graphic Designer

- **Collaborated with the Social Media team** to curate designs and conceptualize ideas for TikTok and LinkedIn
- **Utilized Canva to create designs** and upload them to the shared drive for content planning

Education & Certifications

Associate of Arts in Animation — **De Anza College** | Cupertino, CA | expected 2027

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies — **San Jose State University** | San Jose, CA | graduated 2022

Certificate of Achievement — **Story Xperiential Program with Pixar Animation Studios** | Online | 2022