

OBJECTIVE

Resourceful and detail-driven creative professional with a BFA in Visual Communications and experience spanning graphic design, branding, marketing strategy, and cross-functional coordination. Skilled in creating impactful visual assets, managing content campaigns, and streamlining design-to-production workflows. Passionate about translating ideas into effective visuals and messaging that support organizational goals, audience engagement, and team collaboration.

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EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago BFA, Visual Communications

- Presented the Trustee Award for Academic Achievements
- Dean's List (multiple semesters)
- Represented the Loyola University Psychology Association as Public Relations Director

CERTIFICATIONS

User Experience Design Upskillist, Issued December 2023

- Foundational UX Principles
- User Research, Prototyping
- Figma, Design Process

LANGUAGES

Polish Fluent Spanish Advanced

SKILLS

Adobe Illustrator	Advanced
Adobe Photoshop	Advanced
Adobe InDesign	Proficient
Adobe XD, Figma	Proficient
Adobe Acrobat	Proficient
Adobe After Effects	Proficient
AutoCAD	Advanced
HTML, Javascript	Intermediate
AutoCAD	Advanced
MailChimp	Advanced
Canva	Advanced
Microsoft 365	Advanced

EXPERIENCE

Prepress Technician
Cat-i Glass Manufacturing, South Elgin
2023 - Present

- Ensure high-quality production by preparing accurate, print-ready files, including color correction, proper formatting, and adherence to bleed/margin requirements
- Reduce quarterly production errors by 50% through meticulous attention to detail and proactive troubleshooting of file inconsistencies
- Streamline design-to-print workflows by leveraging expertise in Adobe Creative Suite to optimize files for production
- Improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness by anticipating and resolving printing issues
- Apply knowledge of print technologies to advise on substrate and ink choices for optimal results
- Enhance design outcomes by integrating creative skills with technical prepress expertise

Design Specialist IDL Ventures, Chicago 2022 - 2023

- Spearheaded the creation of multimedia assets, resulting in the **enhanced brand identity** and market positioning of startup businesses
- Elevated online presence through strategic email and web design initiatives, leading to a substantial increase in user engagement
- Conducted comprehensive market research and competitor analysis to inform design decisions, ensuring alignment with industry trends
- Mastered design challenges by harmonizing creativity with practical solutions, effectively bolstering brand growth in a rapidly changing market

Public Relations Director

Loyola Psychology Association, Chicago 2022 - 2023

- Led media metrics to optimize content strategies, amplifying outreach impact with measurable results
- Maximized event attendance by strategically leveraging social media, using attention-grabbing graphics to drive a substantial increase in participation
- Mentored incoming directors, ensuring a seamless transition and upholding high design standards in PR efforts
- Applied graphic design skills to create materials, significantly enhancing the association's reputation and message delivery