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Education

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

May 2026 / GPA: 3.6/4.0

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major: Graphic Design

Minor: Computer Science

Professional Experience

Design For America (DFA) Champaign, Illinois

Co-Team Lead, September 2025 - Present

- Collaborated in a team of 5 to design IlliniSwap, an interactive app enabling students to exchange and reuse school items, reducing waste.
- Drafted short-term and long-term goals to keep the team on track and meet deadlines on time
- Organized team meetings and delegated team members' tasks and deliverables.

UI/UX Designer, September 2024 - September 2025

- Assisted in the design process, including user research, ideation, wireframing, and prototyping in Figma.
- Conducted 4+ user tests with university students and iterated on designs based on usability feedback.
- Partnered with developers to translate prototypes into buildable, functional designs, ensuring consistency with design systems and user needs.
- Practiced user-centered design principles, focusing on accessibility, clarity, and visual hierarchy.

Mondelez International Champaign, Illinois

Co-team Lead, Designer, October 2025 - Present

- Co-led and collaborated with a team of 6 designers to redesign the office space in the Mondelez International Research Park Office
- Combined the ideas of the team into professional mock-ups to present to the client
- Brainstorm, iterate, and sketch designs for the office layout

Calla Lily, Aurora, Illinois

Graphic Designer, June 2023 - August 2023

- Created digital illustrations and marketing assets using Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop, aligning with the company's brand visual identity.
- Designed and typeset product labels and promotional materials utilizing InDesign.
- Collaborated with store owners to refine the brand's visual identity across digital and print platforms.

Skills

- Design & Prototyping: Figma, Adobe Creative Suite (Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign)
- Technical: HTML, CSS, Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Excel)
- Research & Process: User Testing, Wireframing, Prototyping, User Flows, Design Systems, Accessibility Principles
- Soft Skills: Strong Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Systematic Thinking, Problem Solving