# DAKOTA HOLIMAN, A People First UX Designer

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#### **SUMMARY:**

A senior product designer with over 5 years of experience, avidly advocating for my users. I excel in problem-solving through human-centric design, using accessible and inclusive design to align user needs with business objectives, leading to the success of native apps, e-commerce, and data management tools.

#### **EXPERIENCE:**

## **UX/UI Designer II,** Young Living Essential Oils

June 2021 - PRESENT

- Revamped user experience across multiple products by researching, designing, and testing solutions, leading to a 38% efficiency boost (project turnover rate).
  - o Restructured e-commerce platform search field behavior, driving a projected \$1.2M annual increase in sales (see portfolio case study).
  - Analyzed user journeys and reduced friction by resolving errors, decreasing time to conversion by more than 7 minutes.
  - Revamped a global data management app, accommodating new currencies, languages, and local laws, driving a 385.97% increase in user engagement.
- Advocated for the 1.2 billion people with disabilities, using inclusive design to attract and convert new customers and affiliate marketers.
  - o Developed a global design system that ensures ADA/WCAG compliance in preparation for EUAA 2025.
  - o Implemented a branded style guide, contributing to a 14% improvement in brand recognition (tracked through qualitative user testing).
- Introduced user research and usability tests into the design process, creating an opportunity to prioritize positive ROI features over unverified concepts.
- Collaborated with stakeholders, developers, and content managers, creating efficient cross-functional relationships and ensuring alignment across teams.
  - o Streamlined downstream workflow by accurately estimating scope, bandwidth, and required resources, leading to over 50% less project delays.
  - o Supported both Agile and Waterfall methodologies, adapting workflows to suit project needs, resulting in enhanced efficiency and flexibility across projects.

## Senior UX Designer/Graphic Designer, Performance Driven Marketing May 2019 - June 2021

- Developed visual and digital design systems for custom websites. Increasing sales up to 278% (see portfolio case study.)
- Collaborated with developers to align delivery timeframes with team KPIs.
- Directed all design projects, delivering impactful websites and compelling print/marketing collateral, resulting in a notable rise in customer engagement.

### Visual Designer, Freelance

January 2017 - PRESENT

- Delivered comprehensive design services including web design, logo and brand ecosystems, layout and print materials. Focused on supporting small businesses with a professional appearance in every way possible.
- Contracted with a small batch coffee roaster, creating digital advertisements, cafe signage, and packaging materials. Contributing to the company's expansion into local cafes, supermarkets, and WinCo stores.

#### **EDUCATION:**

## **Bachelor of Fine Arts, Graphic Design**

Southern Utah University, College of Performing and Visual Arts 2016 - 2018

- GPA 3.78
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude
- · Dean's list every semester
- Founder's Scholarship

## Associate of Science, **Integrated Engineering**

Southern Utah University, College of Science and Engineering 2012 - 2014

- GPA 3.84
- President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
- National Society of Collegiate **Scholars**
- Dean's list 3 of 4 semesters

#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS:**

UI/UX/Product Design, Prototyping, User Testing, Design Systems, Figma, Adobe CC, A/B Testing, Responsive Design, Visual Hierarchy, CSS, HTML, Wireframing, Motion Graphics, HCI Design, High-fidelity Interfaces, Color Theory, Accessibility (WCAG/ADA), Print Design, Information Architecture, Applied Branding, Data Visualization.

#### **INTERPERSONAL SKILLS:**

User Advocacy, Empathy, Curiosity, Problem-Solving, Project Management, Heuristic Evaluation, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, Adaptability, Attention to Detail, Leadership, Time Management, Organization, Resilience, Open-Mindedness, Reliability.

#### **REFERENCES**

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