# Sarah Polachek

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Web Designer // Brand Designer // Photographer

#### **Education**

## B.A. Graphic Design & Multimedia: Web Design

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU)

- Manchester, NH Highest Honors | GPA 3.98 President's List

#### A.A. Psychology

Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) - Pittsburgh, PA Dean's List | GPA 4.0

## **Design Tools**

Brand Design
Web Design
UX Design
Graphic Design
Visual Design
Prototyping
Wireframes

## **Technical Tools**

HTML / CSS / Javascript Adobe Creative Suite Microsoft Sharepoint Wix / Squarespace DSLR Photography DLSR Videography

### **Project Experience**

#### Front-End Intranet Design 03/2021-05/2021

- Integrated website build-out using Microsoft Sharepoint increasing employee engagment by 35%.
- Built using web components and CSS to recognize employees, strengthen culture, and increase participation.

#### freeCodeCamp - Front End Development Certification

- Utilized freeCodeCamp's courses to learn HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
- Working towards 400+ hours in classes with a focus on designing for the web.

## **Professional Experience**

#### Marketing Assistant 02/2021-present

Victorian Finance, Pittsburgh, PA

- Maintain internal website, increasing employee engagement by 35%.
- Use CSS and web components to produce a valuable user experience.
- Develop visual graphics through brand components, layouts, and typography.
- Recognized as moving uncomfortably fast and always helping others.

#### Freelance Designer 01/2020-present

Kimura Creative, Pittsburgh, PA

- Use Wix and Squarespace to develop websites that small businesses are able to maintain.
- Manage design projects for small businesses and promotions through graphics, photography, and video production.

#### Graphic Design Intern 08/2019-12/2019

Ten Four Social, Pittsburgh, PA

- Brought clients' ideas to life by developing graphics and videos to engage the target audience on social media.
- Deepened skills in Adobe Creative Suite programs as well as DLSR photography and videography.

## **Volunteer Experience**

#### **Career Prep Organizer 11/2020-07/2021**

Steel City UX Ladies (SCUXL), Pittsburgh, PA

- Take action to further develop and implement SCUXL Career Prep Program; assisting in promoting and designing virtual events for Resume Reviews and Portfolio Reviews.
- Redesign organization's website using squarespace platform.