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# **DESIGN EXPERIENCE**

### Graphic Design Intern ISU Horticulture Center | Normal, IL

January 2025-Present

- Balanced multiple projects at one time.
- · Completed projects in a timely manner.
- Worked on various projects including stickers, booklets, newsletters, posters, and signs.
- · Collaborated with the Horticulture Center and ISU to effectively promote events.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Store Associate

ALDI | Pekin, IL

May 2025-Present | August 2022-November 2024

- Provided exceptionally quick customer service.
- · Worked diligently to quickly adapt to the store's perpetual changing environment.
- Trained and proficient in financial transactions.
- · Collaborated closely with team to keep the store neat, stocked, and clean.

### Snack Shop Worker

Bass Pro Shops | East Peoria, IL November 2024-May 2025

- Provided exceptional customer service.
- Focused on many food-handling tasks at once.
- Successfully operated snack shop alone.

### Shift Lead & Team Member

LaGondola Spaghetti House | Pekin IL April 2021-July 2022

- Provided exceptional customer service through phone calls and face-to-face communication.
- Accurately calculated sales for the day.
- Correctly and promptly cooked/prepped food.
- Communicated orders and tasks to my team.

## **EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design** Illinois State University | May 2026 Normal, IL | 4.0 GPA

Associate in Arts—emphasis Graphic Design Illinois Central College | May 2024 East Peoria, IL | 4.0 GPA

## **EXHIBITIONS**

**BFA Senior Show** ISU Julian Hall | 2026

**Design Dialoque** ISU Julian Hall | 2025 INU Art Space In (Incheon, South Korea) | 2025

ISU Student Annual ISU University Galleries | Juried Exhibition | 2025

# **AWARDS & HONORS**

**Graphic Design Best in Show Award** ISU Student Annual | 2025

Stephanie Amster Design Scholarship ISU Art Scholarship | 2025

Dean's List Illinois State University | 2024-Present

**Wubbena Memorial Scholarship** ICC Art Scholarship | 2022-2024

President's List Illinois Central College | 2022-2024

# SKILLS

#### **Technical**

- Adobe After Effects
  Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe InDesign
- Figma
- Microsoft Office
- Adobe Photoshop
- Google Workspace
- Visual Studio Code

### Soft

- Adaptability
- Communication
- Punctuality
- Teamwork
- Creativity
- Organization
- Reliability
- Time Management