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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Champaign, IL

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Industrial Design; Minor in Informatics

August 2021 - May 2027

- James Scholar Honors Program | Dean's List: Spring 2023 and Spring 2025 | GPA: 3.88
- Organizations: Psi Eta Mu (Information Science Fraternity), Illini Awaaz (competitive South Asian fusion A Cappella team), Illinois Design Challenge (Premier Engineering Design Sprint Challenge), Alpha Rho Chi (Architecture and Applied Arts Fraternity)
- Relevant Coursework: Industrial Design I, II, III, Human Computer Interaction, Design Drawing, Computer Applications (CAD), User Experience Design in Action, Introduction to Computing, Human Centered Product Design, Design Thinking/Need Finding

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ABBVIE

North Chicago, IL

User Experience Design Intern

May 2026 - Present

Designed and prototyped internal enterprise products using AI-assisted development, UX research, information architecture, and design systems, while drafting concise **PRDs** to define product goals, requirements, risks, and edge cases.

- Created **200+ responsive screens** and design iterations for an internal event platform covering registration, proposal submissions, agendas, and speaker content; **Owned** design delivery in collaboration with engineers and stakeholders, using **Claude Code, Figma Make**, and AbbVie's **design system** to address accessibility, reusable components, variables, interface states, and light/dark modes, contributing to improved ease of use and increased event sign-ups compared with prior years.
- **Developed information architecture** recommendations for internal AI learning resources through an **80-page site audit** and synthesis of **13 user interviews** in **Dovetail** and **Mural**, leveraging AI to uncover patterns across existing research and multiple data sources and identify persona-based improvements to navigation, labeling, hierarchy, and content discoverability.
- **Identified** opportunity/gap in current IT service-request environment; **Designed and developed** a prototype supporting new-hire setup, hardware, software, and engineering workstation needs; defined workflows, integrate usability findings, and iterate from initial concept through internal deployment.
- **Built and deployed** the prototype using **Claude Code, Figma MCP, GitHub, and front-end workflows**, creating implementation plans, working with HTML and Markdown files and publishing the experience through an internal AbbVie link for stakeholder access.

PM ACCELERATOR

Remote

UX/UI Design Intern

April 2026 - June 2026

Designed **Remember**, an AI-powered memorial platform that helps families and friends honor loved ones by using AI to curate personalized photo albums, organize memories, preserve stories, and create collaborative digital tributes.

- Designed **end-to-end mobile app experiences** across numerous screens and user flows, translating the product vision into intuitive interfaces for creating memorials, organizing memories, and sharing content with family and friends.
- Collaborated within a **cross-functional** product team of UI/UX designers, developers, and project managers, incorporating technical requirements and stakeholder feedback throughout an iterative design process.
- Established the product's visual identity by developing the **logo, color palette**, and core interface direction, while using **Figma and Figma Make** to **rapidly prototype** concepts and apply **human-centered design principles**.

POWERSCHOOL

Folsom, CA

Product UX Intern

June 2023 - August 2023

User Experience Writer connecting students, parents, and instructors with clear product content throughout their education journey.

- Collaborated with Product Management and Engineering to align design and documentation with product requirements and technical constraints.
- Created and maintained documentation across PowerSchool products, including mobile apps, Schoology, Unified Classroom, and Special Programs, ensuring clarity and consistency for end users.
- Defined and standardized **iconography** within the Neon Design System, partnering with UX designers to improve visual consistency, usability, and scalability across products.

PROJECTS

INDEPENDENT STUDY - WEBSITE DESIGN

Champaign, IL

UX/UI & Web Designer

August 2025 - December 2025

Student designer for the Contemplate Design Lab at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, contributing to research-focused design initiatives within an academic and collaborative studio environment.

- Led the **UI design** and development of two fully **responsive** websites for the lab, intended to clearly present research artifacts, academic papers, and project work across both desktop and mobile platforms.
- Developed and managed a structured project timeline that aligned key design milestones with research goals and final delivery deadlines.
- Worked closely under Industrial Design professor to build a comprehensive design system, including mood boards, user flows, wireframes, and **high-fidelity prototypes**, ensuring visual consistency and strong **usability** throughout the websites.

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Technical Skills: Claude Code, Figma, Figma Make, SolidWorks, Keyshot, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Miro, HTML+ CSS
- Certifications: Google UX Design Certificate (Jun. 2025), Social & Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research Course 1 (Aug. 2023)