# **ALISON DONAGHY**

**GRAPHIC DESIGNER** 

#### **PROFILE**

Results-driven student pursuing an advertising degree with excellent graphic design skills.
Reliable and proficient in Adobe Creative Cloud. Articulate communicator and hardworking team player with excellent planning and problemsolving abilities.

#### CONTACT

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## **EDUCATION**

## **B.A.** in Advertising

Iowa State University - Ames, IA
Anticipated Graduation in May 2021

## **Graphic Design Certificate**

Des Moines Area Community College - Ankeny, IA May 2017

## **Dowling Catholic High School**

May 2017

- 3.75 GPA; Presidential Honor Roll
- Technology Department Award; awarded at graduation
- Silver Service Cord; devoted and recorded 300+ hours of community service

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **National Finalist**

Washington Media Scholars Case Competition

Spring 2020

- Achieved top 6 ranking in nationwide media campaign competition.
- Created an in-depth strategic media plan for based on a hypothetical public policy issue.
- Used real world data to create a media plan that effectively reached the target audience.

#### **National Semi-Finalist**

Washington Media Scholars Case Competition

Spring 2019

• Achieved top 30 ranking in nationwide media campaign competition.

## **Media of Grace Magazine**

Spring 2018

- Designed, wrote and published an original art-based magazine.
- Created all original art using a variety of media. Designed original layout.
- Researched and wrote each biographical article.

#### **3rd Place Art Portfolio**

Iowa High School All-State Portfolio Review

Spring 2017

- Ranked 3rd place individual and a member of the 1st place team for art portfolio consisting of 10 art pieces.
- Competed against high school junior and senior students across Iowa.

## **PROFICIENCIES**

#### Adobe Creative Cloud:

- Photoshop
- Illustrator
- InDesign
- InCopy
- Premiere Pro

Google AdWords Certified

Web: HTML & CSS

**AP Style** 

Microsoft Office

Corel

### **SKILLS**

- Graphic Design
- Social Media
- Writing & Copyediting
- Creative Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Data Visualization
- UX Design

#### **EXPERIENCE**

## **Graphic Designer / Administrative Assistant**

Iles Funeral Homes - Des Moines, IA

August 2019 - February 2020

- Designed and printed personalized print materials for upcoming memorial services for 6 funeral homes, i.e. brochures, candles, register books, thank you notes and more.
- Answered incoming calls on multi-line telephone system.
- Organized scheduling and communications between funeral directors, staff and families while working on a strict deadlines.
- Trained my replacement in graphic design processes, design programs and business practices.

## **Graphic Designer**

Iowa State Daily Media Group - Ames, IA

August 2018 - May 2019

- Collaborated with graphic artists, editors and writers to produce daily newspaper following Iowa State Daily newspaper design rules and standards.
- Used computer software to develop charts, graphs, illustrations and design newspaper visuals.
- Conferred with advertising team to develop in-house print and digital advertisements.

#### Hostess

Miyabi 9 Japanese Restaurant - Des Moines, IA

Summer 2018

## **Teaching Assistant**

Iowa State University - Ames, IA

Spring 2018

- Student Classroom Aid for Designing Digital Communication course.
- Oversaw and advised students with Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign.
- Assisted the professor with attendance and class organization.

#### Sales Associate

RAYGUN - Des Moines, IA

June 2016 - August 2019

- Team member at local T-shirt shop
- Built and maintained effective relationships with peers and upper management to drive team success toward common sales, service and operational goals.
- Designed and deployed new display ideas to improve accessibility to merchandise.
- Performed floor moves, merchandising, display maintenance and housekeeping to keep sales areas well-stocked, organized and current.
- Recommended optimal merchandise based on customer needs and desires.
- Answered incoming telephone calls to provide information about products, services, store hours, policies and promotions.