

Sydney Dietz's Portfolio Graphic Designer

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## **Self-portrait**

This self portrait was created by using type on a line in Adobe Illustrator. The quote "Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, and dreams are forever," by Walt Disney is used to determine the outline and values of the face. This project shows a good understanding in value.





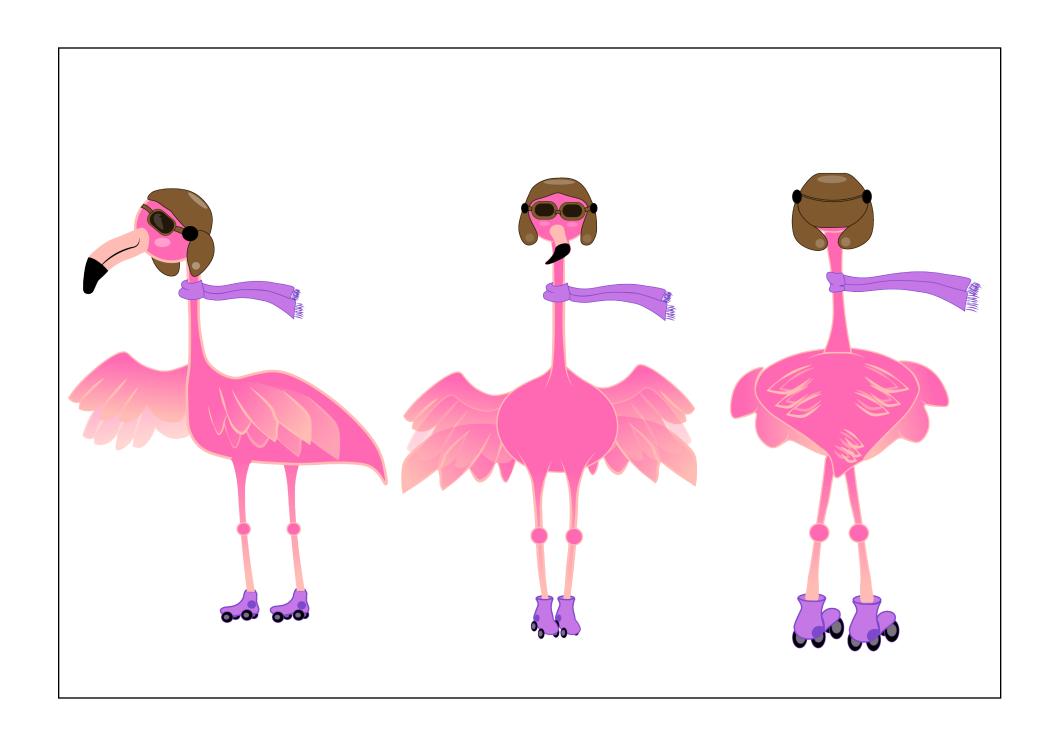


## Maleficent portrait

This portrait of Maleficent was created by using different developed patterns in Illustrator. The patterns are repeated to create the different values of Maleficent. The detail used makes the piece stand out therefore making it a successful piece of art.







## Francisco Flamingo

This character was created to be used for a birthday card design. The story behind it was that the flamingo was an airplane pilot and would attend to the people on the plane quickly, which is why he is wearing roller skates. This character was the result of rendering 88 versions of a flamingo tapping into my creative muse.







## Francisco Flamingo Birthday Card

The designed birthday card uses the same character I created, which was Francisco Flamingo. There is a pattern included that is used on the envelope and the inside of the card.







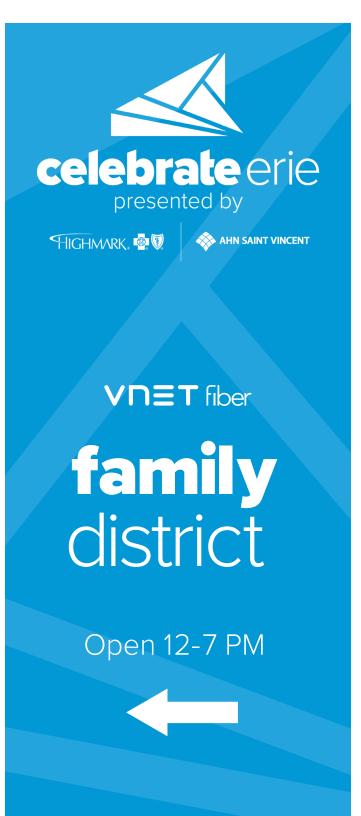


## **Concert Series Social Media Posts**

Erie is known for summer events including the 814 Concert Series and Sounds of Summer. I had the opportunity to market these event in addition to advertising them on the City's Instagram page. The advertising included social posts, posters, banners and park signs.













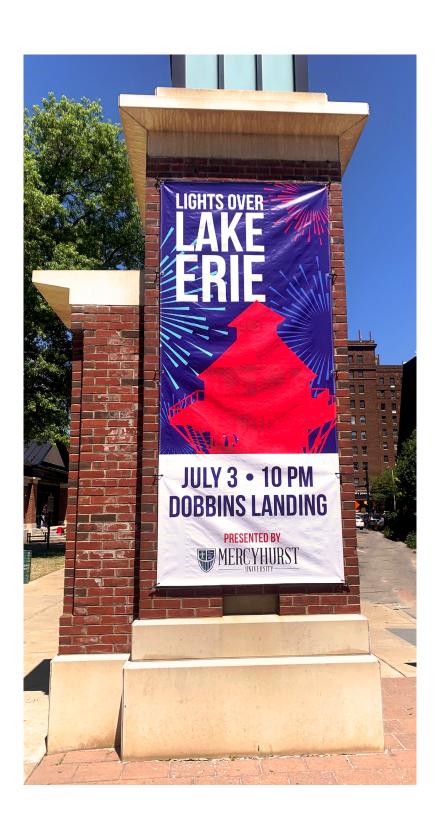


## CelebrateErie Banners

Many banners were placed around CelebrateErie including stage banners, bike rack banners, tent banners, and pillar banners. I used the CelebrateErie brand to design all banners used at the 2022 CelebrateErie event.







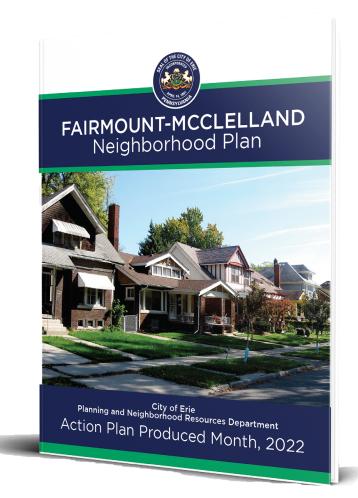


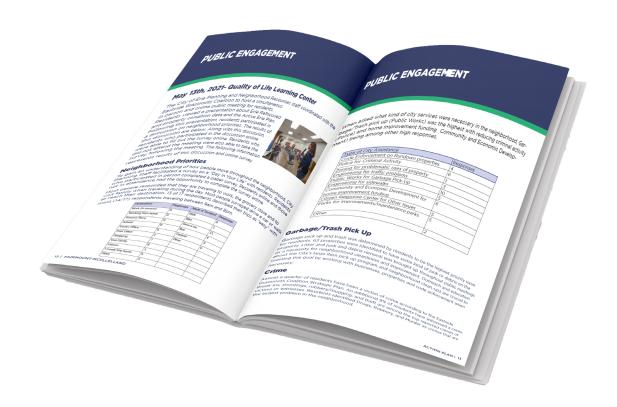
## **Lights Over Lake Erie**

To promote Erie's Fourth of July firework show, I designed piller banners and social media posts to inform the public about the event.









## City of Erie Neighborhood Plan

Using the City of Erie's branding, I created and designed the layout for a strategic plan that provides information about Erie neighborhoods.







#### LOW INTEREST FINANCING PROGRAMS

Our Low Interest Financing Programs are designed to finance expansion projects for manufacturing, industrial, technology, retail, and service businesses located within the City of Erie. These funds can assist business redevelopment, with real estate acquisition, preparation and associated expenses, renovations and upgrades, machinery, and equipment purchases, and infrastructure improvements and utility upgrades.

#### Loan Limits

- 50% of the total project costs or \$1,000,000, whichever is less
- \$1,000,000, whichever is lessMinimum loan amount \$50,000
- Creation or retention of one full-time job for every \$50,000 in borrowed funds

#### Equity Requirements

• 10% of project costs

# LARGE SCALE RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FUNDING [5+ UNITS]

 To provide critical gap financing for large-scale residential housing including market-rate and affordable housing projects.

 Open for new construction and/or redevelopment of residential properties [5+ units]

For more informatwion, please contact Chris Groner: cgroner@erie.pa.us

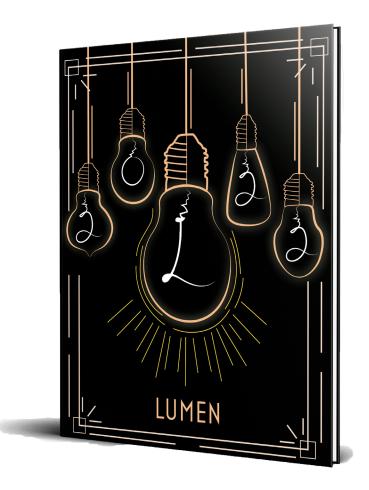


## City of Erie Marketing

During my time at the City of Erie I created a postcard promoting the improvement of Erie parks and neighborhoods while using the city's branding guidelines. In addition to using the guidelines I also created a brochure for the Department of Economic and Community Development.









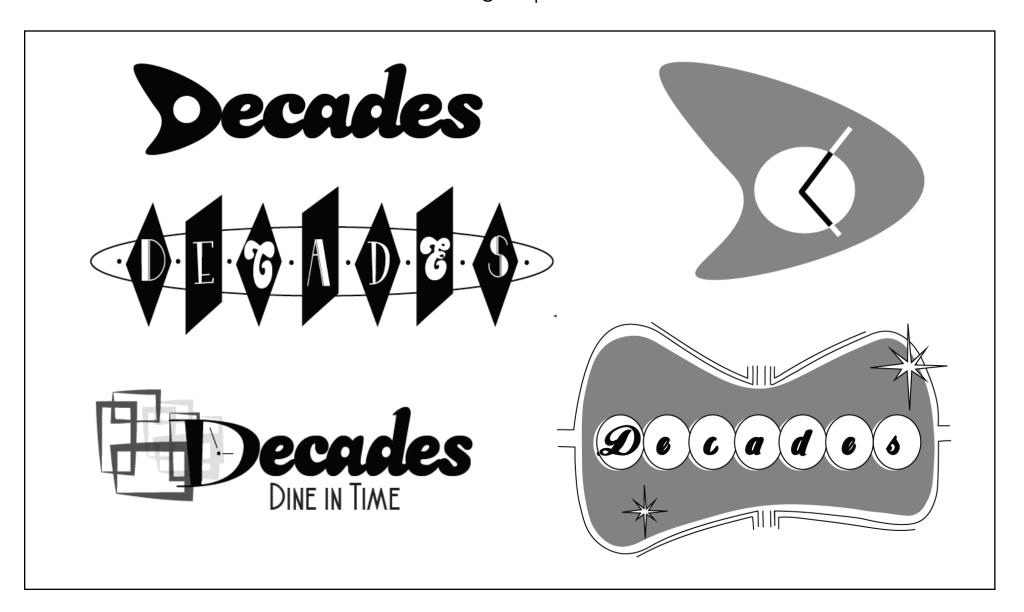
#### Lumen

While working as a team of two to design Mercyhurst's art magnetize, the Lumen, I gained experience in design layout, printing, and branding while also working with other students in the English department. I also developed the idea for the theme and designed the cover and pages.





#### Logo Options





## **Decades**

A fictitious restaurant named Decades features themed dining rooms and a widely retro menu. A variety of logo designs were explored as shown here with the final selection in color. To see my complete process, please refer to my process booklet available in person or on my website: sydneyedietz.com





#### **Attributes:**

- 1. Uniqueness
- 2. Creative
- 3. Consistency
- 4. Trustworthy
- **5.** Quality

#### **Key Beliefs:**

- 1. Efficiency
- 2. Courtesy
- 3. Theme

**Mission:** To create a themed atmosphere for customers to be immersed in while giving them the value and service they deserve.

Vision: Culinary Time Travel

#### **Competitors:**

#### 1. Hard Rock Cafe

Our Restaurant is the only music themed restaurant that focuses on being in the world of music memorabilia

#### 2. Rainforest Cafe

Our Restaurant is the only rainforest themed restaurant that focuses on being immersed into the jungle

#### 3. Planet Hollywood

Our Restaurant is the only Hollywood themed restaurant that focuses on being entertained





Value Proposition - A personalized

experience that immerses you into the story of the restaurant while also providing value, service and a good

**Positioning:** Our Restaurant is the only nostalgic restaurant that focuses on being immersed in the past.

#### **Millennials (Primary)**



Millennial (Primary): A study found that Millennials spend the most time eating out at restaurants than any other generation. It is said that the average Millennial spends about \$174 per month dining out, while other generations spend about \$153 per month. They prefer a restaurant that is convenient with healthy all natural food choices while also keeping an affordable price. They seek out restaurants that provide a unique experience that caters to their personal interests and that are also fun and exciting.

https://www.foodnetwork.com/fn-dish/ news/2015/06/millennials-eat-out-moreand-spend-more-when-they-do-than-nonmillennials

## Baby Boomers (Secondary)

Baby Boomers (Secondary): It is found that over half of Baby Boomers eat out weekly. They want to receive good quality food, service, and atmosphere. These elements are what keep Baby Boomers coming back to the restaurant. They enjoy food that is healthy for you, along with comfort foods. Value is key when attracting Baby Boomers to a restaurant.

https://www.trycake.com/blog/generational-eating-habits/



#### Stakeholders:

#### 1. Owner-

Decades

BIG IDEA:

DINE IN TIME

Responsible for making organizational decisions and strategies, along with sharing the company.

#### 2. Employees-

Have a large investment in finances and time. They also help execute strategy, tactics, and organization.

#### 3.Customers-

They are impacted by the quality and service of the restaurant and its value.

## Markets:

meal.

#### 1. Arlington, Virginia Median Income: \$108,706

The Washington DC area is known to have a large population along with many tourists. This location has been proven to be the best place for a restaurant to start, due to the amount of money made by the restaurants in the area.

#### 2. Seattle, Washington 3. Orlando, Florida

Median Income: \$100,630
Seattle is experiencing economic
growth which will make it easier
to open a business, such as a
restaurant. It is also predicted to
have a future growth rate for the
next ten years.

# Orlando is a large tourist area with many theme parks nearby. A restaurant with a theme, such as Decades, will bring in a similar crowd as the theme parks making it a good location for Decades.

## **Decades Brand Brief**

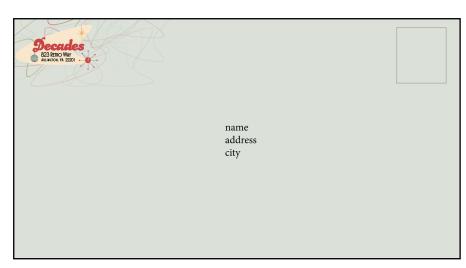
This brand brief for the fictitious restaurant Decades was researched of persons most likely to visit the restaurant, the best locations for it, and its competition. By doing this, I got an idea for how to brand the restaurant. The brand brief allowed me to learn about the business aspect of branding and provided practice in the strategic planning of a logo.





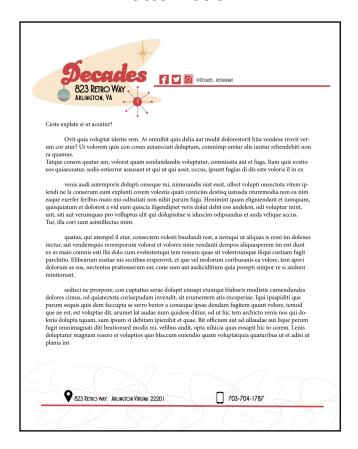
#### Cover Letter







#### Letterhead





## **Decades Business System**

Along with creating a brand and logo, I also created a business system. The business system included a letterhead, color palette, typography, and an envelope. The pattern of a boomerang shape is used through the business system, which kept it consistent and on brand.

## Adobe Illustrator/InDesign





#### **Business Card**



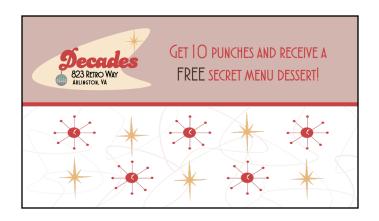


#### Giftcard





#### Punch Card





## **Decades Advertising**

In addition to the business system, advertisements and extra assets for Decades were created as well. I designed a business card that included information about the restaurant, a punch card that could be used as a marketing tactict to bring customers back to the restaurant, and a gift card. All three cards are on brand and use the same colors, type, and pattern.

## Adobe Illustrator/InDesign









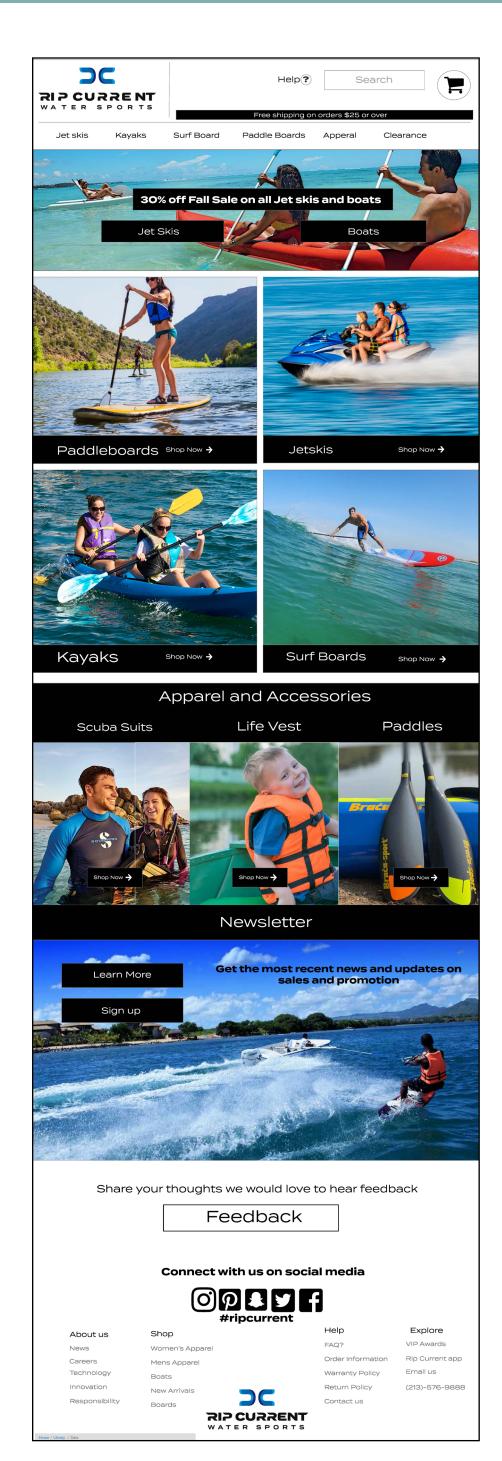
## **Pet Adoption**

Utilizing Adobe XD to promote a fictitious pet adoption business, I created the logo, chose the colors, and laid out this email sign up newsletter. Mail Chimp was used to code it and each section has a connected link to allow for going to a new page.

Adobe XD









### **RIP Current**

This website mock up for RIP Current includes a header, footer, navbar, and call to action. By creating this mock up, I gained knowledge in important aspects of web design and how to make a website layout look clean and organized. I coded this mock up in Adobe Dreamweaver.

Adobe XD













## **Learn to Dive**

These wireframes were created in Adobe XD as a mock up for a coded website. The layout follows the web design grid, and includes high quality photos and a clean, on brand color palette.

#### Adobe XD

















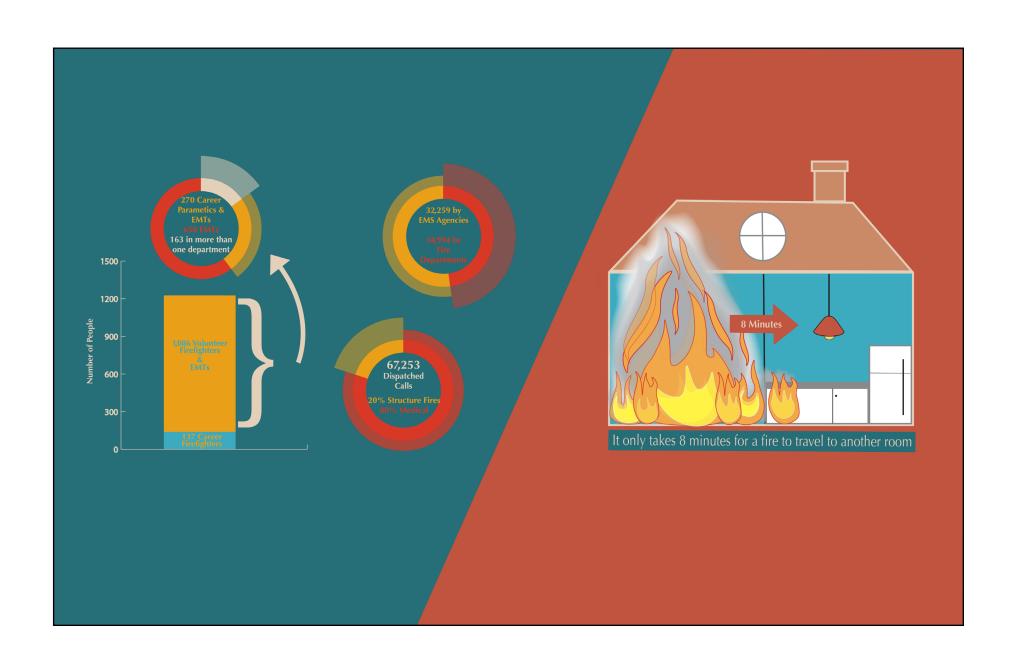
## **Photography**

These photos were captured using a Nikon DSLR camera, and were then edited in Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom. Many photos show strong contrast within them.

Adobe Photoshop/Lightroom





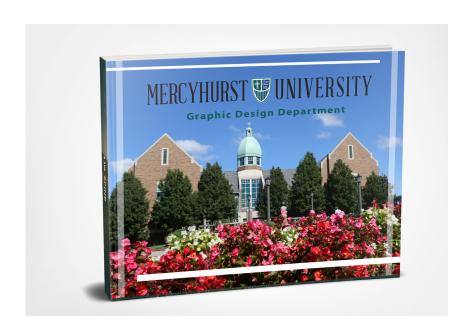


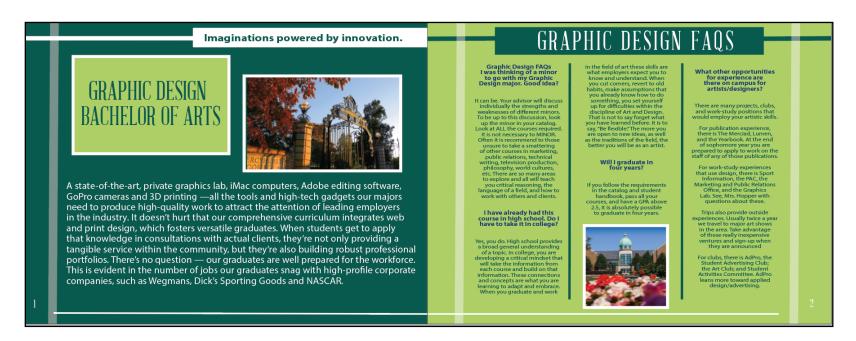
## Fire and EMS

The Erie Fire and EMS department was in need of an infographic to spread awareness to fire hazards and safety. The graphic displays the desired information wanted for the infographic. I learned how to properly display information that will draw attention to the message.











## **Graphic Design Department**

This Mercyhurst Graphic Design brochure was created using a layout for each page that was visually interesting and clean to inform about the Graphic Design Department.







## **Surrealism**

This surrealism themed poster was created using multiple Photoshop techniques that show creativity and design skills. Some techniques used include drop shadows, brushes, and masking. This piece displays good composition and attention to detail, making it strong piece of art.

## **Adobe Photoshop**







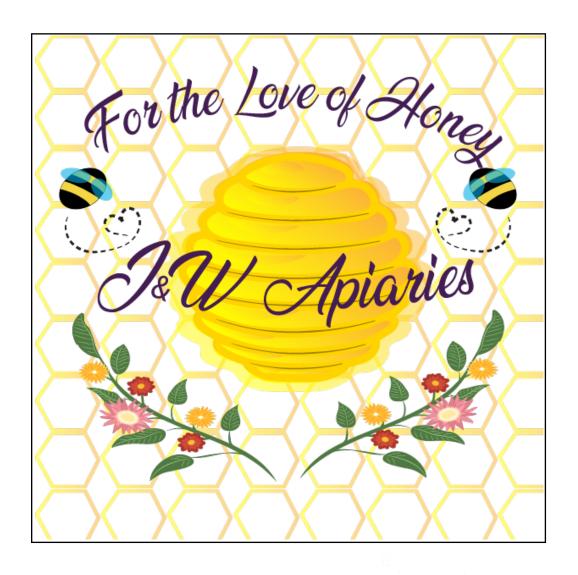
## Geometric

This poster was made in Photoshop and focused on using geometric shapes. The idea behind the project was to keep it clean and simple while also keeping it visually interesting. This piece includes creative ideas, good composition, and good use of unity and balance.

## **Adobe Photoshop**









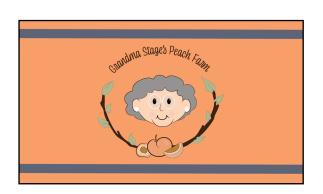
## For the Love of Honey

This logo was created for a local honey business located in Brockway, Pennsylvania. I worked with a client while making the logo and honey jar label, which is being used and sold in stores today. This project allowed me to gain experience with working alongside a client and incorporating their requests and desires into a final product.





#### **Business Card**



# Grandma Stage's Peach Farm Ryan Stage 814.449.4017 9282 West Main rd. North East PA, 16428 Grandma Stages Peach Farm

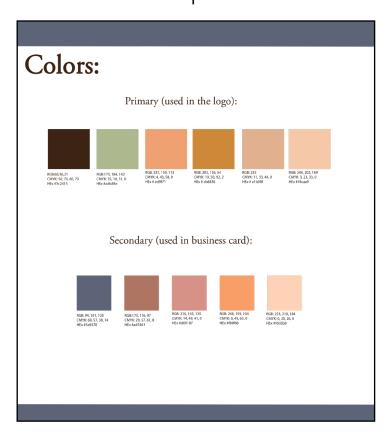
#### **Business Card Options**



#### Logo



#### Color palette



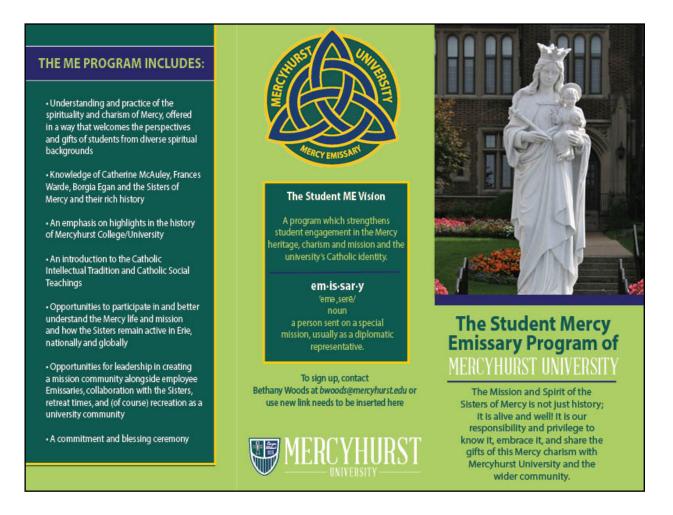
## **Grandma Stage's Peach Farm**

This logo and brand was created for a local business called Grandma Stages Peach Farm located in North East, Pennsylvania. A client gave their insight on how the logo and brand should look. I created many different logos, decided on the color palette, and chose the typography. With the help of the client, the final logo was decided on and is currently being used.

## Adobe Illustrator/InDesign









## **Student Emissary**

One of my professors reached out to me and asked if I could create a brochure for the Mercyhurst Student Emissary. I had a weekend to create a visually appealing brochure that was Mercyhurst branded. This brochure was used on campus to promote and inform about the Student Emissary program.





#### ABOUT APPLIED CONTACT THE MAJOR INFORMATION FORENSIC SCIENCES Forensic Science incorporates natural, physical, and social sciences into Dr. Dennis Dirkmaat, Ph.D., D-ABFA multidisciplinary investigations of Director, Department of matters related to law and society. Applied Forensic Sciences ddirkmaat@mercyhurst.edu From locating, documenting, and (814) 824-2105 collecting physical evidence at crime scene to interpreting evidence in a laboratory, forensic scientists are engaged Dr. Joe Adersias-Garriga, Ph.D., across the spectrum of criminalistics D.D.S., D-ABFO and medicolegal-based investigations Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Forensics Sciences jadseriagarriga@mercyhurst.edu (814) 824-3369 Luis Cabo-Perez, M.S. Laboratory Director, Department of **Applied Forensic Sciences** lcabo@mercyhurst.edu (814) 824-2981 As an Applied Forensic Science major at Mercyhurst University, you will have Dr. Leslie Fitzpatrick, Ph.D., RPA the unique opportunity to experience Assistant Professor, Department of a curriculum focused on state-of-the-Applied Forensic Sciences art techniques in forensic science and Undergraduate Advising Assistant crime scene recovery in the classroom lfitzpatrick@mercyhurst.edu while engaging in hands-on, practical (814) 824-2611 opportunities to enhance your skills in the field and laboratory settings. MERCYHURST # UNIVERSITY

## **CONCENTRATIONS**

#### APPLIED FORENSIC SCIENCES: CRIMINALISTICS/FORENSIC BIOLOGY CONCENTRATION

Criminalists locate, document, preserve, analyze, interpret, and testify with respect to the significance of physical evidence. Forensic biologists apply life science disciplines to legal investigations including genetics, entomology, microbiology, ecology, and botany. As a Criminalistics/Forensic Biology Concentration student in the Department of Applied Forensic Sciences Program at Mercyhurst University, you will receive the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare you for advanced training in areas such as criminalistics or DNA analysis and as a trainee in a forensic science laboratory.

#### Academic highlights for this concentration include:

- FRSC150/151: Introduction to Forensic Science (lecture and lab)
- FRSC242/243: Criminalistics 1 (lecture and lab)
- FRSC340: Physical Evidence and the Law
   FRSC450: Science Issues in Forensic Science
- CHEM242/243: Organic Chemistry II
  (lecture and lab)
- (lecture and lab)
   BIO310/311: Genetics (lecture and lab)
- BIO370/371: Cellular Biochemistry (lecture and lab)

#### APPLIED FORENSIC SCIENCES: FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY CONCENTRATION

Forensic Anthropologists comprehensively analyze human skeletal remains from a variety of forensic settings, ranging from surface scatters to mass fatalities. As one of the few undergraduate Forensic Anthropology program in the United States, students will receive hands-on training in human osteology, post-mortem taphonomic alteration, and metric and non-metric analysis of human remains using the department's impressive skeletal collection available at the campus's Ted Rathbun Forensic Anthropology Laboratory.

#### Academic highlights for this concentration include:

- FRSC150/151: Introduction to Forensic Science (lecture and lab)
- ANTH242: Forensic Anthropology
- ANTH250: Zooarchaeology
- ANTH 326/327: Human Osteology (lecture and lab)
- ANTH333/334: Human Skeletal Biology (lecture and lab)
- FRSC390/391: Crime Scene

#### APPLIED FORENSIC SCIENCES: FORENSIC CHEMISTRY CONCENTRATION

Forensic Chemists identify, analyze, and characterize physical and biological evidence as part of the processing of a crime scene. From performing toxicology screens to determine drug-use status to assessing accelerant type at an arson scene, Forensic Chemists rely heavily upon their strong academic foundation in the natural sciences to assist law enforcement personnel.

#### Academic highlights for this concentration include:

- FRSC150/151: Introduction to Forensic Science (lecture and lab)
- FRSC242/243: Criminalistics 1 (lecture and lab)
- FRSC340: Physical Evidence and the Law
- CHEM242/243: Organic Chemistry II
  (lecture and lab)
- CHEM331/332: Biochemistry I (lecture and lab)
   CHEM333/334: Instrumental Analysis
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   (lecture and lab)
- CHEM335/336: Spectral Interpretation (lecture and lab)

## Forensic Science Department

This brochure for the Mercyhurst Forensic Science Department was created with a group. We worked together to create a clean looking design and layout that best represented the forensic science department.









## **Student Communications Team**

A job I have is working for the Student Communication Team on campus. For this job, I create content for social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. Some of the content includes stories and posts made using Adobe Creative Cloud and Canva. In addition to creating posts, I also create stickers, gifs, and animations.

**Digital Media** 











## **Student Communications Team**

Working for the Student Communications Team has provided me with branding, photography, and graphic design experience.

Digital Media





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