

nicole wolny

Graphic Designer :: Home CEO :: Eternal Optimist



I am drawn to working with good people and organizations with big aspirations. I'm interested in doing meaningful work, building relationships and making hard things a little easier through laughter and teamwork. I am warm and friendly, and love to inspire others to do their best. I am someone who believes we can build great things alone but even better things together.

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EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
2002 Graphic Design

AWARDS

CHICAGO FINANCIAL ADVERTISERS
Eagle Award :: 2004
Excellence in financial marketing

MOHAWK CORPORATE
Communications Kit :: 2004
Selected design was distributed to over 10,000 creative professionals

JAMES SHIPLEY AWARD
U of I - School of Art+Design :: 2002
Presented each year to a single graduating senior based on excellence

**SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
IN GRAPHIC DESIGN**
University of Illinois :: 2002
One graduating senior was recognized for outstanding artistic achievement

TUITION AWARD
U of I - School of Art+Design :: 1999 & 2001
Based on academic achievement and a talent-based portfolio

WORK EXPERIENCE

NB DESIGN :: Owner and Creative Director :: Glen Ellyn, IL
2012 *Creatively helping companies and organizations refresh, inspire and market the integrity of their brands. Design, brand development and strategic partnerships with individuals, small businesses, start-ups, charities, fundraisers and church programs. Produced menus, logos, signage, t-shirts, ads, social media imagery and invites.*
2023

CONTRACT GRAPHIC DESIGN :: University of California School of Law :: Irvine, CA
2014 *Created logos, symposium posters and mailers for Law Department events on a freelance basis.*
2016

WOLNY FAMILY :: Caretaker :: Illinois, Florida, California
2009 *During this time family was the most important and I was running the show at home: giving, growing and learning to adapt. In addition, I participated in volunteer organizations and produced design work for personal and local events: school fundraisers, the PTA, birthday parties, baby showers, neighborhood events and fundraising campaigns.*
2022

SENIOR DESIGNER :: Karnes Prickett Design :: Glen Ellyn, IL
2004 *Managed concept development and execution of a variety of materials ranging from magazine ads, brochures, catalogs, direct mailers, logos, event signage and websites for corporate clients, startup businesses, boutique businesses, internal projects and web developers.*
2009

GRAPHIC DESIGNER :: Grady Campbell :: Chicago, IL
2002 *Created, built and maintained brands for large and small clients. Responsible for concept development and execution of printed materials. Provided account service, design, project management and production coordination.*
2004

SKILLS

Graphic Design
Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Illustrator
Adobe InDesign
Adobe Lightroom
Mac Platform
Chalkboard Lettering
People Person

FUN FACTS

Loudest. Whistle. Ever
My playful enthusiasm is contagious
Love a good pun
I play piano *but only a few songs on repeat*
Wicked tennis backhand
I love hiking, *Grow-a-Heads* & gardening
Salted butter is my favorite food group

Friends describe me as:
Kindhearted, joyful, artistic, resilient, social,
funny, creative and optimistic