

Graphic Design Alumni

Greetings Alumni!

It was great to hear from so many of you this year. Not only do your thoughts, accomplishments, career paths and personal communication make for enjoyable reading, but they are also an informative and inspirational resource for our current graphic design students.

This year, our fall typography classes worked on your newsletter as their hierarchy assignment. When the projects were handed in, the graphic design faculty selected this layout by Jennifer Zimmer.

The graphic design program is evolving, expanding and maturing, as is the university and Mount Pleasant. (by the way, I'm still looking for the mountain that this town was named after) Al Wildey, who has taught in our Photography concentration for the last few years, has become our Department Chair. David Stairs is currently on sabbatical for the year in Africa, and we have a new permanent, full-time faculty member, Larry Burditt, whose specialty is multi-media and animation. Nedra Frodge announced that she will be retiring after this year, and we will all miss her.

Enjoy the entries from the alum who responded, and I wish you the best in the new year.

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Staying busy with Photography Business and Graphic Designer
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Take Care,
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It's almost been a year now that I've been out in NYC, and my career is going well. I'm working as a freelance designer and art director for a range of clients such as Calvin Klein Fragrances, Disney Publishing, The College Board, Merkley+Partners and Jack Morton Worldwide. I've learned there is a huge gap between what I produce here and what I was doing in MI, and that gap is only highlighted by the extreme deadlines, over zealous marketers and high quality of craftsmanship necessary to succeed. There was a lot I needed to learn to make myself a better designer and business person, and I think that after a year, well, I still have a lot to go.

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I work at a company called BIG Communications located a few miles away in Ferndale. I was recruited for this position nearly two years ago by a good friend, and my former project manager during one of my internships at 3D New Media several years back. He has been hounding me ever since. BIG's primary market right now is the Pharmaceutical companies...where they are creating astounding multimedia work. Their team is comprised of talented 3D, Video and Flash artists. It's really incredible.

If you tell your students one thing...DON'T BURN YOUR BRIDGES! Even though I was mad as hell when I left my job, I walked out with a smile and a hand shake with my boss. I have about 15 opportunities right now because of the people I've met along the way. I am truly fortunate.

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After working as a designer in Grand Rapids for a couple years following graduation, I moved to the Tampa area and connected with two talent agencies, Aquent and Randstad. I freelanced for about one year and then was offered a full time position at WellCare Health.

WellCare Health (www.wellcare.com) is a national government-funded insurance company for Medicare, Medicaid and Prescription Drug Programs. I worked as a Senior Designer in the Marketing Department working on brand concepting, advertising, focus groups, TV spots, brochures, id cards, etc. While working with WellCare, I maintained my freelance client base. Bradley Bayou, a couture fashion designer in Beverly Hills approached me about doing his entire rebranding. This was a fantastic opportunity to work with a first-rate designer making couture gowns for Eva Longoria, Oprah, Queen Latifah, Kristin Cavallari, etc. I redesigned his logo mark, stationery suite, and event invitations for LA's Fashion Week in 2005. I've also had the opportunity to work with Spark Branding House (www.sparkbrand.com) on the art direction for their high-end children's shoe catalog Poco Pattino (www.pocoattino.com).

Two months ago, I accepted an Art Director position with Phil Wilson Design (www.philwilsondesign.com). I am currently doing print advertising, interactive media, web design and 3-dimensional design. I now work with clients such as Herman Miller, Steelcase, Haworth, Spectrum Cubic, etc. I'm still working with clients in Grand Rapids despite the fact that I now live in Florida.

Somewhere in the midst of all of this working and freelancing, I took the time to get married to my college sweetheart. The beauty of being a designer and planning your own wedding is getting the opportunity to design your own custom wedding invitations. I am currently in the process of developing my own high-end custom wedding invitation stationery line on the side. I would tell you the name and info, but it's not registered yet and I don't want anyone stealing it. HA! Hopefully I'll have more info for the next newsletter!

Thanks to those of you who have proven to be great friends, good resources and a big support system. I appreciate you.

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I was hired at Campbell-Ewald after graduation (May 2003). I started out working in the mat room and am now an Art Director. I predominantly work for our Michelin client on Tours & Events/Promotions as well as POS. I also went on my first photo shoot in November 2005 and have since done about four or five. That is my favorite part of the job. It's nice to travel and get out of the office for a few days. I enjoy working on Michelin the most, but throughout my three years with the company, I have also worked for GM, Chevy, Alltel and National City.

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I'm working at PL Marketing as a Marketing Coordinator/Graphic Designer/Web Designer. Mostly I design, from concept to completion, internal marketing projects to market our company to current and prospective clients. I also work on print and tradeshow materials for our larger clients like Incat (an automotive supplier) and IBM.

I redesigned the corporate identity for PL Marketing, along with the website. Check it out! www.plmarketing.com.

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I'm still in sleepy Saint Joseph, working as an Associate Creative Director for ARS Advertising. Still in awe of how different the working world is from school life. On the side I do a lot of Flash work. And by a lot, I mean I think about it a lot, and create about 5% of that, which pretty much goes for the multitude of ever growing projects littering my mind. Don't act like you don't know what I'm talking about!

Cheers!

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As for my career...well in graphic design it is non-existent. I no longer work as a graphic designer. I was bored and burned out from the last job I had in that field and decided to return to school to receive a Masters degree in Spanish. Fortunately Central offers this degree and I didn't have to move - unfortunately Central offers this degree and I didn't have to move. I have been working as a substitute teacher, an office aide and a Teaching assistant. Although I didn't enjoy my job as a graphic designer, it sure beats working for minimum wage. I will be finishing my Masters degree this December and will probably stay in Mt. Pleasant for another couple of years.

I traveled to India this past summer to meet my boyfriend's family and stayed for about 3 weeks, this has to have been one of the best traveling experiences of my life (and I've traveled abroad a lot). Bombay was beautiful and yet sad. Beautiful home and housing complexes were surrounded by shacks made of tin sheeting and tarps. It was not uncommon to see people sleeping on sidewalks or on the meridians in the middle of the street - they had no where else to sleep. My favorite parts of the trip were riding in the auto-rickshaws and walking through flooded streets trying to get to higher ground when the first monsoon rains hit the city. I also traveled to Chile this summer to finish the study abroad portion of my program. I lived there for 6 weeks in Mt. Pleasant's sister city, Valdivia. Our summer season is their winter season, so I brought along a waterproof jacket and rain boots. (It rains there in the winter.) Five or six days of the week it rained but it wasn't that bad; some days there were torrential rains, some days it was just misty and some days it would be sunny then rain and then sunny again. The beauty of the city and surrounding areas offset the depressing weather. Everything was green!!! If grass didn't grow in your yard, it was covered in a nice velvety bright green moss.

Well, that about does it for the update on my life. As far as what I plan on doing after I graduate in December...I don't know. Several of my professors think I should continue on and get my ph.D.. Right now I'm undecided. I'm pretty sick of studying and don't know if I can handle another couple of years of literary analysis and linguistics.

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I moved out to Colorado over a year ago. I began working as a Marketing Director for a home builder in Englewood, CO. I recently filled a position for a Marketing Director at Aspen Development Inc. where I handle all design and public and private marketing campaigns.

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I started working at The Palace Creative Group as an unpaid intern in January of this year - months later I was offered a full time position. Other CMU alum that I work with are Josh Perlinski & Jim Brewer. There are about 8 designers in our department. We all do work for The Palace, Pistons, Shock, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Meadowbrook Music Festival (yes, MB is one word...they changed it), Tampa Bay Lightning & Storm, as well as The Asheville Tourists minor league baseball team. We get a lot of jobs on a regular basis. Anything from billboards, posters, signs, banners, menu boards, web sites, logos, brochures, postcards, ads, identity packages and more! basically anything that is print related for the above companies is done by our department. We also have an in house printing company that does the majority of our print work. However, on occasion we do send jobs out of house for printing. So in short, work is good! Good luck to all of you! Don't get discouraged if it takes longer than expected to find a solid job after graduation. Keep your head up and keep trying.

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I finally graduated with a degree in massage therapy and am now working in the Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center through St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. It's a very nice facility! (a bit slow gaining a consistent clientele but it's getting better thankfully!). Anyhow, I work with people of all ages. Mostly they come in with chronic muscular and soft tissue issues and I do a variety of techniques to get those areas to release and relax. It's a lot more than just your relaxation-fluff-and-buff massage. These clients are looking for pain relief and it's great to help them out with that. (Some issues may be sciatica, carpal tunnel syndrome, tight and restricted muscles in the neck and shoulders, Rotator Cuff issues...) TONS OF ISSUES! So I basically am doing medical massage and am loving every minute of it. I am actually hoping to eventually work with cancer patients doing oncology massage as well as working with hospice patients for pain relief management. That is my ultimate goal and I am hoping that since I am stationed in a hospital based setting that some doors will open up for this down the road.

I'm still hoping that I will do something w/ my design degree, maybe incorporate it into my massage profession somehow (possibly to help w/ marketing or promotion. who knows!?) But I think i've found my niche in this world.

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Enjoying corporate America. Working as a Field Marketing Specialist with MetLife. Primary responsibilities include designing ads, tradeshow displays, and direct mail pieces. Planning to go back to school to learn Web design some time in the next year (or two...maybe three?). Missing life in the mitten.

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Hello all-

I'm sorry to disappoint you all but I'm not a graphic designer... I am in a closely related field where I am the official marketing and advertising coordinator of the Saginaw Golf Centre. The Golf Centre is a full service practice facility: driving range, USGA putting greens, fitness centre, club repair & re-gripping, and pro-shop. Just about everything except a golf course. We opened in Feb. 2006 so as you can imagine marketing a new business is a lot of work. I do get to design here and there but mainly I do PR & Marketing work, which acutally suites my personaility quite well. If you would like to see what I've been up to check out the company website at:
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I'm still working for the company I landed my original position at, DPro Marketing. Everyday I come to work, and I love it more and more. DPro is small (6 employees). I wear many hats here. I graduated CMU with a degree in graphic design, but I also do marketing, creative director, project manager...etc. I am extremely proud of being part of a company in the making. I think it is a great place to be, and I have no plans for leaving. I mostly design websites, but print is still effective for some of our clients too. I'm currently hooked on InDesign. So, helpful for these 32 page catalogs. (yikes)

In whatever free time I can come up with, our team, as a group, makes short films for our alias name "Based Loosely Productions". In April, we actually received an award at the Flint Film Festival. It's a small film fest, with great potential. The award we received was called the "Blackmore" Award. It was for the best short film with little or no budget. You can view it at:
www.myspace.com/basedlooselyproductions. LUVh8, the movie we won for, was filmed, and edited in 48 hours, and the cost of pizza and beer. (another one of our movies is on there too...Addicted)

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Our next goal is a larger film fest, and we are currently writing a comedy, scheduled to be filmed next summer. Its a 23 minute short. If anyone lives near Rochester and is interested in helping with production, writing, acting...anything really...contact me... we take all the FREE help we can get, and we also do not pay our actors/actresses (haha).

I did buy a condo in Downtown Rochester this past April. I have the convenience of walking to work, but I am now what they call "house poor". And although it's fun to have my own place, when I'm writing out the bills, I really wonder what it would be like to take that money and spend it on shopping, and the bar (ha-ha..I'm sure most can relate). Other than that, there's no real excitement, just working and having fun.

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Yeah, late additions are always frequent in the real world (no stress related whatsoever :). I am realizing that more and more... Well, Since last fall things have changed a bit for me. I still play music locally around the detroit area, (www.myspace.com/utahdrive is our myspace site) but have moved to Royal Oak which is more centrally located and more interesting altogether. All kinds of people around here and some of the best food around. Since I grew up in the middle of the woods (Gaylord) its nice to experience things from a different perspective...I have recently acquired a Graphic Design position at the Palace of Auburn Hills Creative Group, which has been great so far. We design anything and everything (brochures, logos, signage, etc) related to all of the concerts and sporting events held at the Palace and at DTE, meadowbrook, and some others. Its great to finally have a position that I really enjoy, since the two other places that I worked since graduating were for printing companies doing in-house design which hardly sparked any creativity. Well anyway, glad things are going well for you Clark, and i'm looking forward to seeing the project in its completion...Students should value the time frames they get on assignments while they still can, it doesn't last forever! Take care....

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Just a quick recap, since I moved to Dallas, I was pursuing a web design degree at The Art Institute. I finished an internship with Sony/BMG Music Entertainment, which was an excellent opportunity for me (mainly because I dream of designing for the music industry). It was a great experience, designing for some of my favorite music artists. All good things must come to an end, so here I am out in the real world, doing the whole interviewing thing... which I had put off for too long. So, two interviews this week.. one with COMPUSA Corporate, a graphic design position, and another with National Envelope, also a graphic design position. Wish me luck!!

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Oh my gosh what a year! I just passed the year anniversary mark with my company. It's pretty exciting. I've been promoted to Art Director. What's in a title anyways, right? Things are going great though. I just redecorated my office! Your work atmosphere is so important. I rarely can take a break from my desk. I'm still learning new things on a daily basis. I recently started going to networking events for Create Detroit (www.createdetroit.com). They plan some fun events, alcohol is usually involved, and you get to meet so many creatives. Because I work in Detroit, I am constantly asked if I went to CCS (College for Creative Studies). Of course I answer NO! (with an explanation point) I'm out here in the working world representing CMU!

Beyond work...I got a new puppy. He is a yellow lab and his name is Charlie. He is just over 2 months old. What a handful but so loveable! My sister is getting married in about a month. Finally! I had been waiting for the day to design her wedding invitation package. It's been a lot of work but totally worth it. I think this might be a new career venture for me. Hmm, the possibilities?!?!

A final note... Go Tigers!

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A brief update on my life/career (or lack there of)...well that is kind of scary. I am currently woking in a warehouse packing boxes. I have been on quite a few interviews and sent out many resumes in the two years since I graduated. I work also part time at a company called Front Door Productions however, they are currently shut down due to family illness (family business). So after some time away from the job market, I am ready to go out and try again for a job in the field. I am contemplating a move out of the state due to the lack of opportunity in the area.

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Since I graduated I got a job in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the Green Bay Press Gazette as a "mac operator." That fancy name just meant I designed basic ads for about 15 different papers that the Press Gazette was handling. It is a good sized newspaper. Sometimes the customer would have a basic layout they wanted the mac operator to do - other times it was up to the designer. It was an alright job for the most part, but I worked 4-12 M-F which basically gave me no life and not much time to meet new people in a new area. So after about 4 months there I quit and moved back to Menominee, Michigan my hometown. I just started a brand new job today at the Eagle Herald newspaper in Marinette, WI (a neighboring city of Menominee). I will be working in Graphics/Sales... the boss told me I'd be "the jack of all trades" meaning I'll be doing some ad design, basic sales with clients - a little bit of everything in the advertising department. I already really like it. It's part time for now, but he wants me to move up to Full-Time by Christmas. So I'm really excited.

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As for me, I was hired as the graphic designer for Frankenmuth Insurance Company in Frankenmuth, MI on May 1 of this year. I had been a college intern at the company for three summers while attending CMU and the last summer I worked in the marketing department as a graphic designer. A position that did not exist at the company until that point.

As their designer I updated insurance coverage brochures, created promotional material, and designed ads for numerous insurance agents. When my last fall semester came around and I left to go back to school, they mentioned that they were very happy with my work and that there was a possibility of them creating that position next year.

After I graduated in December, I stayed in close contact with them, sent them my resume, and let them know I was very interested. The process of creating the position went through approval and I was offered the job in April.

I love the job and things are going great. I use a combination of Photoshop CS2, Indesign CS2, and Illustrator CS2 for all of my projects. I also use istockphoto.com very often for pictures and design elements.

If I could give your class advice I would say that an internship while at CMU is very important and is a great way to get your foot in the door. It is very difficult to find an entry level job in this field because employers all want experience. So get an internship, meet contacts, work hard on creating a balanced portfolio, and utilize your professors as resources while at CMU.

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I am working as a flash programmer/graphic artist at a company called Camber. I moved over the summer to Fayetteville, NC and after trying job postings on the web I gave up and went to the phone book and started calling everyone under the design section. It didn't take too long before I found Camber...

I sent the manager my portfolio and resume as pdfs and within two days I had an interview set up. I didn't know a lot about flash I had only taken a class and it was a few versions previous of the one I am working in so he sent me home to make my portfolio interactive with flash and in a week I had a follow up interview...

They weren't worried about my flash skills because of my programming background, I have picked up the program really fast, but they said that they like my portfolio because it was so neat and well organized.

I would say that the work atmosphere is really laid back here and they are more worried about us doing good work then about how we dress... I wear a t-shirt and jeans every day and most people are in flip flops... two of the three people that interviewed me were in them. We only dress up when there is a big client coming in.

Oh and they liked my portfolio case, I got the stainless box, they passed it around the office like it was a bomb or something so when I started people were like "oh your the one with the box thing" I don't know if that is the first impression I was going for but it is working out well...

Well I better get back to work...

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I'm currently working for FedEx Kinkos. I took the job right after graduating in hopes of transferring to a Chicago location later that year. Well it took me a little over a year, but I finally made it to Chicago to further my career goals. I've been working as a productin operator. I basically run all of the machines and orders and also create and design business documents such as newsletters, business cards, advertisement posters, wedding invitations, etc. It's opened up the doors for me as far as companies recognizing my work and me being able to network with companies in the Chicago area. I have also done some freelance work for such companies as Live Nation, Clear Channel, and The Great Steak and Potato. My plan is to enhance my portfolio (cos I'll admit it's a bit outdated since I graduated) and try to get a full time position with Live Nation/Clear Channel. Chicago has a lot of opportunity for graphic designers, so I believe I made the best choice in moving here.

Best Wishes to all of the alumni and current students.

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I just got a graphic design job about three weeks ago, at the end of August. I am working at EPK Design. I am not sure if it is considered in Walled Lake or Wixom, or elsewhere, it's at a borderline area where several small towns meet.

Its a very small place, a husband and wife team, one other designer, and a programmer. I am a graphic designer, but for the most part I just update websites. I regularly load articles to some Jewish newspaper sites, and I make small corrections or updates to other client's pages. I also do some minor design work like making icons or banner ads. Right now it's only part time, hopefully it will change soon.

Soon I hope to start freelancing, once I quit my secondary Toys R Us job. I need some extra work to keep my portfolio going and my creativity sharp.

I like the idea of this project, I didn't get all the emails of people I went to school with, so I've lost contact with a lot of them. It'd be nice to be able to see how they're doing and get back in contact.

Glad to hear your summer went well, mine was mostly spent working at Toys R Us and going to Cedar Point when I could. I also started a sketch-blog (its at www.sherindipity.blogspot.com if you want to check it out) to work on my drawing skills. Hopefully I'll be able to pop in and visit sometime during the semester. Talk to you later.

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Hello Everyone, I am Joshua Dick (JD) I graduated in the Spring of 2005. I am currently still in Lapeer, MI trying to find a job. It is a little hard finding one currently but I have the Dairy Queen as a back up plan in the mean time. My email address is acdump@yahoo.com. I also have an Internet business, in which I help other people make money on the web. It keeps me busy in the mean time when I am not looking for a job.

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I am currently working a temp contract with schematics, posters, contractor/general public brochures for a local company distributing product worldwide. Also completing a box for a conceptual food for a major company, including construction/layout, as well as the obvious graphics. Look for Guzman's Custom Auto of Mount Pleasant (on Pickard Rd) to have a new sign this year with my logo. This will also be incorporated into business cards, letterhead, decals for customers, etc.

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I bought a condo in Clinton Township (right on the border of Macomb/Shelby Township/Sterling Heights, Next to Utica and Rochester Hills)... I moved about a month and a half ago. Everything and anything is around there... Lots of shopping and restaurants... It's a fun area :).

I am a Graphic Designer at Campbell-Ewald, a worldwide advertising agency. I work in the World Headquarters in Warren, MI. Our main clients are Chevy, U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Navy, Onstar, Michelin, Kaiser Permanente, Ghirardelli, U of M Health System, Alltel, National City, Bissell, Yellow, Farmers and many more. I currently do work for all of our clients- I prepare presentations, along with working on a lot of in-house design work. I have also acted as an Art Director on many different occasions for a few different groups such as National City, Yellow and Chevy. As an Art Director, I control the creative ideas behind a piece in a campaign, along with the overall layout and design. Ever seen the current "Points" campaign for National City? I've had a small hand in that :).

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I accepted a graduate assistant position at The Citadel in the athletic marketing department at the beginning of July, and started going to grad school at the end of August at The Citadel. For those of you who have no clue what The Citadel is, it is a public military college in Charleston, South Carolina (we compete at the DI-AA level for athletics). The grad students do not live the "cadet" lifestyle though (lucky for me)! I'll be working towards my Masters in Business for the next couple years while I work in athletics. As I said, I'm working in the marketing department... but basically I work for them and the sports information department as a designer. I have recently had the opportunity to do lots of designing promoting our football games, and the other programs that go along with that. They also have me working on live audio/video streaming, and gaining corporate sponsorships. To say the least, I'm getting lots of experience with a ton of different aspects of the collegiate athletics atmosphere.

As for life, I can't complain. I am a grad assistant so the compensation is minimal, but they pay for my school. Basically I am still exploring things down here; when I have the spare time. I rarely meet anyone that is actually from here, it seems like Charleston is a city of imports... I work with people from all over the country. Oh and one of the best parts... the beach is 14 miles from my door!

I hope everyone is doing great and I can't wait to hear about what all the alums are up to!

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Life since graduation has been extremely busy. I graduated in May and started a job on June 1 (so much for summer vacation)! I am currently working as a graphic designer at Kelly Services in Troy, Michigan. Our department services over 1,500 branches in the US alone, so I never do the same thing two days in a row. I design mostly print materials including, but not limited to, business cards, brochures, fliers, posters, print ads, invitations, postcards, and certificates. But, depending on the request from the client, I also have the opportunity to design logos, web ads, tradeshow booths, promotional items, and direct mail campaigns. Besides work, life after college is pretty lame. As you will soon find out, work takes up a large chunk of your day! When I do find a few hours to myself, I enjoy working out, watching movies, going to sporting events, and spending time with friends and family. I am currently living at home with my parents (my advice is to avoid this at all costs), trying to save money to move into my own place.

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I graduated in May of 2006 with a double major in Graphic Design and Journalism, which made me an ideal candidate for my current job in the marketing department at Bandit Industries, Inc. My mixed-bag of job duties include writing press releases and new product announcements, interviewing customers for testimonials, as well as designing all product literature (brochures, flyers, mailers, postcards, trade show posters and banners), and other promotional materials (t-shirt designs, keychains, etc.). Bandit previously outsourced all of their design work, but now I am in charge of all in-house graphic design. This turned out to be the ideal first job, since this is the first time they've had anyone in-house doing their design, we're all learning together.

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I'm currently working with Dendritic Nanotechnologies in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. I'm also doing some freelance work and putting out a lot of resumes. I have an interview with Campbell-Ewald coming up. So, we'll see how that goes!

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I currently teach CIS 184, a Photoshop Graphics course at Monroe County Community College. www.monroeccc.edu. This three credit course consists of mostly graphic design majors and computer science majors. I also work at Domagalski Photography in Saginaw. www.DomagalskiPhotography.com. The photographer has a photojournalistic style of photography, specializing in weddings and senior portraits. At the studio, some of my responsibilities are; editing photos, ordering proof books/albums, doing customer consultations, designing web graphics and shooting photos as an assistant photographer at weddings and senior portrait shoots. I also do freelance web design for photographers or small businesses, specializing in creating entire websites in Flash. In the near future I plan to get my Masters at Saginaw Valley State University in the Communications and Multimedia graduate degree. With this degree and my experience at Monroe College, I will be able to teach at a higher level institution, maybe even at CMU one day!

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Since graduation I am still working in my college job at Fabiano Brothers part time in their Graphics Department creating all point of sale for the Beer and Wine divisions as well as helping out with human resources Graphics needs. Starting at the end of April 2006 I was hired as the Exhibit Coordinator at Central Michigan University Park Library. My minor was Museum Studies and I completed my internship prior to graduation at the Muskegon Museum of Art. I enjoy my job at the Library because I get to work with people, art, exhibition design and installation, and I get to put to use my graphic design skills as well by creating postcards and working on Publications for the exhibitions. Right now my job at the library is just part time since I am the first Exhibit Coordinator on staff. But, I am hoping that as I develop the Libraries exhibitions and collection and begin working more with Exhibitions in the Clarke Historical Library that I will be able to put to use even more my design skills as well as my museum experience and develop my job into a full time position.

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After graduating from cmu, I decided to attend graduate school at eastern illinois university to pursue my masters of arts in college student affairs. What this means for you, the reader...my ultimate goal is to work on a university campus and create an on-campus advertising agency, if you will. Very similar to what media graphix does at cmu. Right now, the masters program here is worth 2 years of my time, and after that who knows what will happen. I have a graduate assistantship on campus as a hall director. Responsibilities include supervision of resident assistants, hall council, campus programming committee, campus public relations committee, and running a building of 500 freshmen students. How glorious right? I know. That is my life for now though. Good luck with the project(s).

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Well it's only been a few months since graduation - but I got a job! I'm working as a graphic designer for Creative Services Department at Morning Star Publishing. Morning STAR not Morning Sun Although the Sun is one of the many papers we design for. I don't work directly with clients, but I work with sales reps and other artists to create designs for ads that are printed in various publications. We work with papers as far north as Sault St. Marie and Straits area. Most of our contact is through email and shared servers. This is only a part time job but I needed to start somewhere! Take care Everyone and be nice to Clark, he's really not all that bad! :)

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