

## Objective

To fulfill a role as a bright, versatile, and responsible creative professional where I can contribute through forward thinking leadership and concept-to-completion management.

## Professional Skills

- Motivated to work independently to complete projects and exceed expectations.
- Driven to contribute actively and collaborate effectively with diverse groups, sell ideas through dynamic and professional presentations, and work under tight deadlines with exceptional attention to detail, time management and organizational skills.
- Creative visual problem solver with experience in graphic design, illustration, web design (CSS, Flash) and motion graphics (video editing, animation)
- Proficiency in current versions of design software (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop and related design programs), Microsoft Office, Apple software, and Mac and PC platforms

## Education

College of DuPage, *May 2009*

Certification, Graphic Design, Web Design, Illustration; Honors

Illinois State University, *May 2005*

Bachelor of Science, Art; Honors

## Experience

Marketing Graphic Designer, Fox Valley Park District

Produces graphic design artwork from concept to completion for advertising, catalogs, brochures, fliers, posters and other promotional materials under production schedule deadlines. Assists in website updates and maintenance – [www.foxvalleyparkdistrict.org](http://www.foxvalleyparkdistrict.org).

Graphic Design Manager, Royal Buying Group, Inc.

Published monthly Royal Buying Group magazine “Competitive Edge,” geared towards convenience store industry. Designed multiple advertisements for national vendors such as Kraft, Kellogg’s and Anheuser-Busch, among others. Completed various sell sheets, web designs and graphics, powerpoint presentations, and more to boost sales and encourage retailer participation.

Design Associate, Bohringer Creative

[www.bohringercreative.com](http://www.bohringercreative.com)

Art Teacher, Aurora Central Catholic High School

Multi-level art instructor. Art department head. Extra-curricular involvement included yearbook advising, coaching tennis, and leading students through set designs, awareness performance group STAND, and pep club.

Freelance Artist, SimplyErika, Inc.

Creative service provider, including identity design, logo design, print design, illustration, video editing, and web design. Account manager. Published illustrator, caricature artist and traveling convention artist.

## Honors and Activities

*Adobe Student Representative* - 1 of 27 worldwide students representing and promoting Adobe products and contests. Organizer for regional CS4 workshop promotions and events.

*AIGA Vice President* - Active member of national design organization AIGA.

*2009 Portfolio Night* – Best Overall Portfolio, Best Digital Portfolio/Website, Best 3-D Design