

STEFANIE GAFKE

Graphic Designer

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EDUCATION **Marymount University, Arlington VA | May 2008**
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Graphic Design | Summa Cum Laude
Minors: Communications & Psychology
Honors Program Scholar | Honors Thesis Project & Public Defense
Dean's List
4.0/4.0 GPA
Art Club, International Club, Dance Team

DESIGN EXPERIENCE **Graphic Designer**
IIF Data Solutions, Centreville VA 05/2008 – Present

- Design, code (HTML, CSS) & maintain websites and online marketing pieces
- Create print pieces (brochures, posters, banners, businesscards)
- Prepare files for print & work with printer
- Meet with & advise clients
- Create in-house corporate pieces & design for outside clients

Graphic & Web Design Intern
Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, Vienna VA 01 – 04/2008

- Designed online marketing materials (ads, banners, E-mails)
- Created Web Pages using Sitecore CMS
- Designed postcard mailer & worked with printer

Website Designer
Bette Jean's Flower Shop, Wells, ME 07 – 09/2007

- Designed & wrote copy for florist website | www.bettejeans.com

Assistant Art Director
Marymount BlueInk Literary Arts Magazine 01 – 04/2007

- Helped develop concept & style for magazine
- Designed table of contents and page numbers
- Assembled final printed pages & cover

T-Shirt Designer
Sharpshirter, Baltimore, MD 08/2005 – 12/2006

- Designed T-Shirts | www.sharpshirter.com

Website Designer
Marymount Honors Program 02/2005 – 05/2006

- Developed & designed Honors Program website

Website Design Intern
Weh Communications, Berlin, Germany 06 – 07/2005

- Created graphics, animations, designs, photos & websites
- Photographed Reichstag for German senator's website
- Consulted with & advised customers

WORK EXPERIENCE **Resident Assistant**
Marymount University 08/2005 – 05/2008

- Worked in team with Co-RA's to provide safe & healthy living environment
- Handled residents' problems & mediated roommate conflicts
- Helped establish guidelines for Academic Life Floor
- Organized & advertised floor and campus wide events
- Performed administrative tasks such as deskwork & scheduling

Student Ambassador
Marymount University 08/2006 – 05/2008

- Gave campus tours to prospective students and their families
- Participated in panel discussions on Student Life at Marymount
- Performed administrative tasks, such as answering phone calls & filing

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OBJECTIVE

To work in the Graphic Design field in a position that allows me to offer my experience & skills to produce meaningful, high-quality work.

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Typography, Web Design, Multimedia Design, Illustration, Photography, Desktop Publishing, Public Relations, Public Speaking, Journalism

DESIGN AWARDS

Annual Student Show 2008
1st Place
MU Recycling Advertising Campaign

Annual Student Show 2007
1st Place
Special Olympics Poster & T-Shirt

Annual Student Show 2006
1st Place
Photographic Essay

Annual Student Show 2005
1st Place
Mixed Media Collage

COMPUTER SKILLS

Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign), Quark, Dreamweaver, Flash, HTML, CSS, Some PHP & JS, iMovie, MAC & PC proficient

BACKGROUND

Born & raised in Berlin, Germany; Fluent in German

AIGA Member

Artist (pencil, watercolors, acrylics, digital media)