

# Kendall Bessette • Graphic Designer & Illustrator

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## Professional Experience

### Colorado National Monument

Visual Information Specialist Intern

December 2023–present

- Designing informational graphics with a main focus on the park's mental health initiatives
- Assisting with web content management

### Colorado Mesa University

Production Room Assistant

January 2024–May 2024

- Operated and maintained Epson P9000 and Epson 7900 printers

### Colorado Mesa University Marketing

Graphic Designer

August 2022–November 2023

- Communicating with clients, vendors and printers
- Designing promotional materials and graphics within brand guidelines of the university

### Warren Tech

Graphic Design Technician Intern

June–August 2019

- 140+ hour internship designing for clients and processing/printing banners, stickers, car-wrap, and window perforation
- Taught kids ages 11-16 Photoshop and Illustrator in a week-long summer program

### Dairy Queen

Shift Lead

June 2017–July 2022

## Client Work

### Moonstone Quill

August 2023

- Poster for performance at Dillon Amphitheater

### LiveNation

Spring 2023

- Large format photo-op banner for the 2023 Country Jam Colorado event

### Bonsai Design

Spring 2023

- Freelance production work

### Periphery Cellars

January 2023

- Wine label illustration

### Riverside Education Center

Summer 2022

- Collaborated with a partner to design and present logo options to a group of directors

### Never Summer

Summer 2019

- Designed 50 stickers, 5 of which were sold during the 2019/2020 season

## Education

### Colorado Mesa University

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design

August 2020 – (Graduating May 2024)

### Warren Tech Central

Graphic Design

August 2018 – May 2020

### Chatfield Senior High

August 2016 – May 2020

### Minneapolis College of Art & Design

Pre-College Summer Semester

July 2019

## Awards/Accolades

### Never Summer

Design Competition 2020

- Snowboard selected as one of the top 25 and pitched to company

### MCAD's Pre-College Summer Semester

- Granted a \$2,000 scholarship to attend based on the admission director's interest in my portfolio.
- Art pieces featured in the Jeffco High School Art Show and the Congressional Art Competition for High School Students

## Activities

### Organizations

- Elected Co-President of Colorado Mesa University's design club Fall 2022–Spring 2023 (Officer and Social Media Manager Fall 2021–Spring 2022)
- Vice President of AIGA Red Rocks Community College chapter during the 2019–2020 school year
- Member of AIGA since 2019

### Workshops/Conferences

- Attended a printmaking workshop hosted by graphic designer, Aaron Deyoe August 2023
- Attended the 2023 Brand New conference in Chicago, Illinois
- Attended the 2022 Brand New conference in Austin, Texas

### Extracurricular

- Assisted in painting a mural for the Art Center in December 2022
- Layout designer and illustrator for Horizon Magazine's Fall 2020, Spring 2021, and Spring 2022 editions

## Skills

- Experienced in Adobe Creative Suite, Procreate, Wordpress, Elementor, Figma, CSS, HTML, Microsoft Office, monday.com, CommonSpot, and SharePoint
- Digital Illustration, Acrylic, Watercolor, Graphite, Colored Pencil, Charcoal, Digital Photography