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UX Designer & Researcher — M.S. HCI Student at DePaul University

Creating thoughtful, research-backed digital experiences and leading teams with clarity, empathy, and collaboration.

EDUCATION

DePaul University, Chicago, IL

M.S., Human Computer Interaction

Expected May 2027

GPA 4.0/4.0

- CDM MS-MA Graduate Scholarship (2024)

The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX

B.A., Arts, Technology & Emerging Communications (Design & Production)

December 2022

GPA 3.5/4.0

- Academic Excellence Scholarship, Full Tuition

FEATURED PROJECTS

Northwestern Medicine IA Redesign | *UX Researcher & Designer*

Chicago, IL

DePaul University

November 2025

- Audited 50+ site pages through a content inventory to identify 3-5 usability issues across site navigation.
- Ran 3 card sorts and 3 tree tests in UX Tweak with 40 participants, improving average task success from 77.8% to 85.4% (+7.66 pp) through data-driven IA design iteration.
- Designed wireframes with 5+ screens across 2 high-priority user tasks in Figma to demonstrate a streamlined navigation flow.

TL Design System | *Graphic Designer & UX Designer*

Chicago, IL

DePaul University

November 2025

- Built a responsive design system with 20+ components for mobile, tablet, and desktop using Bootstrap's 12-column grid.
- Curated a scalable Figma UI component library using auto-layout, variants, and reusable design tokens.
- Produced 12 documented page patterns with grid overlays and dimension details to support developer handoff.
- Launched a multi-page interactive HTML website documenting TL Design System foundations, components, and patterns.

Meal Planners | *UX Researcher*

Chicago, IL

DePaul University

April 2025

- Led a 4-person research team in using UX research strategies, resulting in 3 actionable design recommendations.
- Conducted 8 contextual observations to identify behavioral patterns and surface 5+ recurring pain points.
- Analyzed 8 interview excerpts with inductive coding in Atlas.ti, consolidating the findings into 3 key themes.
- Mapped 50+ data points using affinity diagramming to clarify user motivations and workflow breakdowns.
- Developed 6 persona spectrums to define distinct user needs and design opportunity areas.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Server

Gibsons Restaurant Group

Quartino Chicago

June 2024 - November 2025

- Delivered high-quality service to 50-80+ guests per shift using active empathy, resulting in a 95% satisfaction rate in reviews.
- Collaborated with a 10+ member team to redesign peak-hour workflows, reducing table-turnover time by 15%.
- Trusted to handle high-volume or priority sections, consistently maintaining accuracy, speed, and guest rapport.
- Trained and mentored 5+ new servers, resulting in a 90% pass rate in their server mock exam.

LEADERSHIP

Vice President

DePaul University

DePaul User Experience Association

Present

- Collaborate with board members in developing long-term strategies for event management.
- Identify and secure resources needed for successful event execution.
- Lead meetings and events when the president is unavailable, conducting regular check-ins with board members.

Secretary

DePaul University

DePaul User Experience Association

April 2025 - September 2025

- Recorded detailed minutes for 8+ bi-weekly board meetings, ensuring 100% accurate documentation and action tracking.
- Created and managed 4+ DeHub events, maintaining up-to-date attendance and organizational activity records.
- Facilitated email communications with 50+ members, faculty, and guest speakers, ensuring timely updates and engagement.

President

The University of Texas at Dallas

The Filipino Student Association

2021-2022

- Directed a 12-member officer team to lead an organization of over 900 members.
- Organized a charity showcase event which raised over \$3,300 for Gawad Kalinga.
- Built and maintained partnerships with former FSA Presidents and 13 other Filipino organizations around Texas.

SKILLS

Coding Experience: HTML, CSS, Java, JavaScript

Software Tools: Figma, Visual Studio Code, UX Tweak, [Atlas.ti](#), Slack, Axure, Google Workspace, Adobe Creative Suite