# \_Riley Best

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A multidisciplinary designer with 3 years of experience accomplished in clarifying brand narratives and translating it in to empathic digital experiences.

### Education

AUG 2018 -MAY 2023 **UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI** | CINCINNATI, OHIO College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning (DAAP) Bachelor of Science – Communication Design

Participated in the Professional Practice Program which alternated semesters of college study with work experience in the field of Communication Design

**GPA: 3.9** | 4.0

## **Work Experience**

AUG 2023 -PRESENT  $\textbf{EXPEDITION} \mid \texttt{CINCINNATI}, \texttt{OH}$ 

Digital Designer

Designed and developed websites for clients such as Xavier and Alta Language Services. Redefined digital brand systems, created graphics assets, and streamlined task flows that led to increased engagement. Presented research, competitive analyses, wireframes, and mockups. Also spearheaded internal promotional efforts, crafted social media strategy and graphics for enhanced brand visibility and messaging.

JAN 2022 -DEC 2022  $\textbf{HYPERQUAKE} \mid \texttt{CINCINNATI}, \texttt{OH}$ 

Brand + Digital Jr. Designer

Developed, refined, or expanded brands such as Google, P&G, Obagi, Neurostar, and GlacialRx as part of both the brand and digital team. Generated creative brand assets cross functionally between print and digtal to expand the brand's reach and drive. Presented design themes, crafted logos, curated fonts, developed graphic elements, designed print materials, and created digital experiences.

## Skills

Figma Illustrator
Adobe XD Indesign
Elementor Photoshop
Wordpress Illustration
Midjourney Drawing

Visual Identity Information Architecture

Brand Strategy Design Thinking
Design Systems Visual Storytelling
Wireframing Storyboarding
Journey Mapping Problem Solving

JAN 2020 -AUG 2021  $\textbf{HELIUM INTERACTIVE} \ | \ \textbf{CINCINNATI}, \textbf{OH}$ 

Graphic + Digital Designer

Executed research-driven website design and graphic asset creation. Led competitive analyses, crafted site maps, and provided strategic design insights. Developed wireframes that translated into mockups. Contributed to internal branding for Helium Interactive and their parent company, Helium SEO, ensuring brand consistency.

### **Honors & Activities**

Graphis Silver Award 2021, Recipient of the Sallie Baldwin Graphic Design Scholarship, DAAP Ambassador, Dean's List 2018 - 2023, Dance Teacher, Former Exhale Dance Tribe Member