

KATIE KANGAS

Graphic Designer
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A senior at Iowa State University who is passionate about layout, brand identity, designing for print and digital formats, and expanding work with a Graphic Design Internship. Work has been shown and accepted into multiple international and local exhibitions. Has completed multiple self-motivated projects with strong follow-through that demonstrate high conceptual abilities and skill. Nominated for multiple awards for passion and efforts in their studies, and excited to continue to apply their skills to impactful projects.

SKILLS

InDesign
Illustrator
Photoshop
Adobe Suite
Figma
Google Workspace
Layout
Typography
Hierarchy
Initiative
Attention to Detail
Collaboration
Organization
Time Management

EDUCATION

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY | Ames, IA 2022–2026
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design, graduating May 2026
Art History Minor
Cumulative GPA 3.95, awarded Dean's List seven semesters
Rome Study Abroad Program

EXPERIENCE

GRADUATION SHOW WAYFINDING TEAM | Ames, IA 01/26–Present
Leads wayfinding team and connected teams to design and install exhibition materials for the Graphic Design Graduation Show 2026.

MGDB BRAND IDENTITY | Ames, IA 12/25–Present
Works for Iowa State faculty to produce a brand system with brand and website assets for the Midwestern Graphic Design Biennial Student Competition.

MORNING BELL SOLO EXHIBITION | Ames, IA 02/26
Designed and curated personal works at a local coffee shop to create a month-long exhibition presented in the community.

ARTIST FOCUS GRANT | Ames, IA 11/25–Present
Awarded by Iowa State University to create a set of posters that will be exhibited at the Iowa State University Memorial Union.

FREELANCE GRAPHIC DESIGN | Afton, MN 06/25–Present
Works with local businesses to complete design tasks to produce illustration, altering design files, and social media assets.

ROME STUDY ABROAD TA | Ames, IA 01/25–06/25
Assisted students in their preparation for study abroad. Involved creating presentations, presenting to students, and creating an exhibition.

LA.B DESIGN PROJECT | Rome, Italy 09/24–12/24
Designed a brand for an Italian company and worked closely with interior design students to create an identity rebrand and pop-up shop.

DIRECTOR OF EVENTS | Ames, IA 10/23–06/24
Organized, hosted and directed large scale events for the Inter-Residence Hall Association. Involved scheduling, time management, and teamwork.

AWARDS

JPA SENIOR AWARD IN DESIGN NOMINEE 2026
Top 13 of senior class that show most potential for future achievement.

GDUSA STUDENT TO WATCH NOMINEE 2025
Nominated to represent Iowa State in Graphic Design USA Student To Watch.

ORISPEAU INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION 2025
Professional level competition for displayed works, 27 of 120 works selected.

BEST OF CATEGORY ADAI EXHIBITION 2025
Best of Category in Advertising Campaign at the Art Director's Association of Iowa yearly exhibition.

PERCEPTIONS V EXHIBITION ACCEPTANCE | Rzeszów, Poland 2025
One of four in Graphic Design V studio accepted into Poland poster exhibition.

THREE ADAI AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2024–25
Three works accepted into the ADAI yearly exhibition.

HARRY WATTS SCHOLARSHIP NOMINEE 2024
Scholarship nomination for top 10% of graphic design students in the junior class.