



MICHAEL KLISCH

Illustrator and Graphic Designer

EDUCATION

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Kutztown | Pennsylvania
B.F.A. in Communication Design
Concentrations: Illustration & Graphic Design
May 2020 | GPA: 3.62: Magna Cum Laude
Dean's List: Spring 2019 | Fall 2019 | Spring 2020

Montgomery County Community College
Blue Bell | Pennsylvania
Associates Degree in Fine Arts
May 2018 | GPA: 3.72: Magna Cum Laude
Dean's List: Fall 2016 – Spring 2018

WORK EXPERIENCE

Graphic Designer | Life Celebration, Inc
North Wales | Pennsylvania | June 21, 2021 - Present
Designed personalized keepsakes for Funeral Homes to give to families who recently lost a loved one. Collaborated with Funeral Directors in a fast paced, detail oriented environment to create high quality designs in order to gratify a grieving family.

Busser | Ariana's Ristorante Italiano
North Wales | Pennsylvania | Summer 2019
Communicated with guests and co-workers to provide excellent dining service. Collaborated with waiters to provide food and beverage service in a professional manner. Monitored and maintained cleanliness and organization of assigned service areas.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish
North Wales | Pennsylvania | June 2019
Worked in teams to prepare for the local Parish Summer Festival. Set up tents, signs, tables, and electric cables.

STRENGTHS

Vivid imagination with excellent conceptual thinking skills.
Exceptional drawing and sketching ability.
Detail-oriented with strong organizational skills.
Plans ahead to complete tasks on-time.
Reliable and dependable with assignments and projects.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Proficient in Adobe Creative Suite

- Highly skilled in Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, and Acrobat
- Familiar using various graphic elements such as photo manipulation and layout design.

Experienced with the Wacom Tablet and Pen
Proficient with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel
Experienced with Keynote and After Effects
Highly skilled with Apple Macintosh platform

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY

Finalist in the Mumedí Mexican Museum of Design's Poster Competition | January 2020

- *International competition hosted by the Mumedí Museum of Design in Mexico where designers around the world create their own illustrative poster portraying death with humor.*

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society | 2017 – 2018

EXHIBITIONS

Blood, Sweat, and Illustration | Kutztown, PA | Spring 2020

- *Group exhibition held at the Kutztown Sharadin Arts Building depicting illustrations designed by CD students from their respective studio courses.*

Visual Essay Gallery Opening | Kutztown, PA | Fall 2019

- *Group exhibition held at the Kutztown Rorbach Library depicting illustrative posters of a store/company and its biography done by CD seniors from their seminar course called Visual Essay.*