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EXPERTISE

Design Concept & Execution (design thinking)

Brand Identity Systems (color theory, typography, and iconography)

Client & Vendor Relationships

CLIENT BRANDS

American Airlines Armstrong Tools Bayer **Campbell Chain** Craftsman **Crescent Tools** Delta Airlines Duke University First Citizens Bank Gearwrench General Motors Golf Pride Holiday Inn Home Depot Husky *John Deere Lenovo Lowe's Manpower MCI Pinehurst *Sharecare *3M **UNC** Healthcare (*approved vendor)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Acrobat Illustrator Indesign Photoshop Muse Keynote Figma Sketch Microsoft Office BeePro Hotjar

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts – Fine Arts Design & Photography Bethel University Saint Paul, Minnesota

PROFILE

- Award-winning art director helping grow brands of all sizes.
- Extensive experience in branding, advertising, and visual communications (TV commercials - websites - print ads - collateral - brand guidelines annual reports - logos - brochures - direct mail - posters - packaging corporate identity programs - merchandising programs - banner ads presentations - social platforms - etc.).
- Proficient in strategic and conceptual thinking that boosts sales and generates revenue, with proven versatility in handling a large variety of brands.
- Outstanding reputation for taking initiative and being resourceful to overcome challenges through client follow-ups and strong communication skills.
- Proven ability to work under strict deadlines and targets while maintaining excellent client satisfaction rates.

EXPERIENCE

Owner/Head of Creative

Farmer Ted | Cary, North Carolina | 1997 – Present

- Independently established a client base through strong communication, networking and a reputation as an excellent business owner designer.
- Accountable for all aspects of project management while developing business knowledge and collaborating with cross-functional teams and key suppliers.
- Concepted and designed a direct marketing piece with a 700,000 print run.
- Actively participated in new business efforts nationwide to win new accounts and up-sell additional work to existing clients.

Senior Art Director

TriMark Digital | Raleigh, North Carolina | 2017 – 2019

- Created inspiring, strategic, and innovative concepts across all channels, including print, digital, and social media primarily in both golf and destination.
- Ensured brand consistency, quality and client satisfaction. Third best year for Pinehurst in bookings history.
- Built and implemented creative for newly discovered digital platforms.

Art Director

Apex Tool Group | Apex, , North Carolina | 2012 - 2015

Art Director

Micromass | Cary, , North Carolina | 2011 – 2012

Senior Art Director

OgilvyOne | Minneapolis, Minnesota | 1995 – 1997

- Designed and executed the original advertising and collateral for the Children's Grand Prix of Minnesota which ran for 3 years and generated over \$1,400,000.
- Managed complex assignments from conceptualization through to project completion, including client presentations.
- Leveraged broad-based business knowledge and functional expertise to drive strategies and tactics that achieved on-target deliverables.



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