Stephen Graham

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Professional Summary

Stephen Graham, known under his brand as, Steven Nicholas is a graphic designer specializing in branding and web design, with experience in creating engaging and effective visual identities. He has worked with Levity Brewing Company, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and various small businesses. Currently pursuing a BFA in Graphic Design and Illustration with a Digital Certificate in Marketing, he brings a strong foundation in typography, digital aesthetics, and problem-solving, informed by his background in IT.

Work Experience

Graphic Design Intern

IUP College of Arts, Humanities, Media, and Public Affairs – Indiana, PA January 2025 – Present

- Redesigning department banners and marketing materials for various programs.
- Collaborating with the **IUP Print Center** to produce print materials.
- Managing and maintaining web pages for the college.

IT Student Worker

Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Indiana, PA September 2022 – Present

- Resolving technical support tickets for faculty and students.
- Rebuilding and configuring machines via IPv4 network deployment.
- Assisted in the IT startup setup of Kopchick Hall
- Provided **networking and IT support** for classroom and office environments.

Lead Sales Associate / Key Holder

Advance Auto Parts - Ebensburg, PA

February 2022 - Present

- Assisted customers in identifying and purchasing automotive parts.
- Managed inventory, merchandising, and sales transactions.
- Ensured high levels of **customer service and store organization**.

Lead Sales Associate / Key Holder

Dollar General - Johnstown, PA

January 2021 – August 2022

- Supervised **store operations**, including opening/closing procedures.
- Managed cash handling, stocking, and truck inventory.
- Provided customer service and maintained store standards.

Education

BFA in Graphic Design and Illustration (Digital Marketing Certificate)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Indiana, PA

August 2021 - Present

Dean's List: Fall 2021, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025

Vocational Education in Computer Networking

Admiral Peary AVTS - Johnstown, PA

August 2019 - June 2021

Skills

Technical Skills

- Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Animate, etc)
- HTML5 & Web Design
- UI/UX Design
- Typography & Layout Design
- Project Management
- Networking & IT Support

Soft Skills

- Strong Written & Verbal Communication
- Problem-Solving & Critical Thinking
- Organizational & Time Management
- Customer Service

Projects & Achievements

2023-24 IUP Academic Planner Cover Contest Winner

Article: Academic Planner Contest

Designed the winning academic planner cover for IUP's 2023–24 school year, incorporating photography, digital illustration, and innovative composition techniques.

Certifications & Licenses

- Digital Marketing Certificate (In Progress Expected 2025)
- Driver's License

Links

- Portfolio: stevendotnicholas.com
- Publication: <u>iup.edu/university-college/news/2023/03/academic-planner-contest</u>