Karis Dunnam

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Education

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Digital Arts and Sciences
University of Florida
Gainesville, FL

Experience

UX Researcher and Designer
University of Florida
January 2024 - May 2024

- Collaborated to conduct qualitative user research, thematic analysis, and competitor analysis to identify the needs of autistic individuals using research software including MAXQDA.
- Developed and tested a user-centered prototype with secure sign-in, customizable sensory settings, and AI chatbots.
- Led usability testing with Maze, gathering feedback and refining the app design based on insights, achieving high success and usability scores.
- Presented findings and recommendations through comprehensive prototypes and presentations, emphasizing safety, inclusivity, and user-centered design.

Graphic Designer
The Independent Florida Alligator
December 2023 – May 2024
- Proficient in graphic design software, including Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign) and other relevant tools, showcasing a strong skill set in creating visually appealing layouts and graphics.
- Demonstrated creativity and innovation in designing eye-catching visuals for various print and digital media platforms.
- Collaborated with editorial and marketing teams to understand and translate their vision into compelling visual content that aligns with the newspaper's brand identity.

B.A. DAS Mentor
B.A. Digital Arts and Sciences Mentorship Program
University of Florida
2022 – Now

- Provided individualized guidance and support to a younger digital arts student, addressing their unique academic and personal needs.
- Conducted regular one-on-one meetings to discuss academic progress, set goals, and offer personalized advice for success.
- Established a trusting and confidential relationship with each mentee to create a comfortable space for open communication.

Key Skills

UI/UX: Figma, AdobeXD, Maze, MAXQDA, Prototyping, Wireframing, Qualitative Research, Miro

Adobe Creative Cloud: Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere Pro, After Effects, InDesign