Makenzie Montgomery

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Experience

Makenzie Montgomery, LCC Kansas City, Missouri **Product & Design Consultant**, *January* 2019 – *Present* Helping startups define and execute their product strategy.

Helix San Francisco, California

Senior Product Designer, September 2016 – October 2018
Lead product design and strategy advisor to Helix's partners.
Designed and pitched product concepts for prospective partners. Built strong relationships with Helix's most valuable partners, encouraged collaboration and improved speed to launch. Worked closely with product, engineering, business development, partnerships, clinical affairs, science, and leadership teams to develop and launch new products.
Managed product design team during leadership transition.
Key projects included: designing a platform-wide workflow that allows users to seamlessly purchase health products, leading the concepting, product strategy, and design for Helix's native iOS app, and leading product strategy, design and development of principal health app.

J.Crew New York, New York

Product Designer, October 2014 - September 2016

Led the redesign of the J.Crew e-commerce platform across all viewports. Worked with a crossfunctional team to ensure the success of business goals, technical requirements and brand creative. Advocated for user experience and responsive best practices across organization. Collaborated with the creative art director to ensure a seamless transition to the new platform. Presented design decisions and product updates to stakeholders on a weekly basis. Integrated feedback from marketing, merchandising, technology, brand, and business stakeholders into iterative design process.

One Kings Lane San Francisco, California

Associate Product Designer, August 2013 – October 2014
Designed digital experiences across desktop, mobile, email and social platforms. Responsibilities included research, concepting, interaction design, visual design, prototyping and formal presentations.

Education

Washington University in St. Louis

Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts BFA in Communication Design, *May* 2013 Minor in Architecture

Santa Reparata International School of Art

Florence, Italy
Drawing Program, Summer 2011

Activities & Honors

Designer Fund San Francisco, California Design Management Bridge Fellow, *Fall* 2017

Anne Fuller Dillon Design Award

Washington University In St. Louis Recipient, *May 2013*

Kappa Kappa Gamma St. Louis, Missouri Member, *March* 2010 – *Present* House Chair, *December* 2011 – *November* 2012 VP Standards, *December* 2010 – *November* 2011

Dean's List Washington University In St. Louis *Fall* 2009, *Fall* 2010 – *Fall* 2012

Skills & Tools

I excel at product strategy, UX design, visual design, prototyping, product management, team leadership, and working cross-functionally.

I like to work with Sketch, InVision, Google Drive, and whiteboard markers. I'm also skilled in Photoshop, InDesign, & Illustrator.