

## career objective

My goal is to secure a full time work career in the field of Graphic Design. I hope to support myself and my family, as well as learn new skills and good practices that will help me continue to serve clients with excellence and professional Graphic Design services.

## education

September 2006 — May 2007

- ● ● ● **Graphic Design, NSCC Middleton Campus, Middleton, Nova Scotia**

I am currently enrolled in the Graphic Design Program at the NSCC Middleton Campus, where I am learning the basic and advanced methods of design, color management, illustration and photography, as well as pre-press and printing. This is a one year course.

September 2005 — May 2006

- ● ● ● **Applied Communication Arts, NSCC Middleton Campus, Middleton, Nova Scotia**

I recently graduated from the Applied Communication Arts program at the NSCC Middleton campus. I received honours, with an average of 94.5%. This was a one-year course.

September 2002 - June 2005

- ● ● ● **Grade 10 - Grade 12, Central Kings Rural High School, Kentville, Nova Scotia**

I completed Grade 10 with an academic average of 90.3%, Grade 11 with an academic average of 93%, and Grade 12 with an academic average of 86%.

September 1992 - June 2002

- ● ● ● **Primary - Grade 9, Kings County Christian School, Kentville, Nova Scotia**

I completed Grade 9 with high honors in all subjects.

## work experience

November 2003 - Present

- ● ● ● **Staff Member, Whiskers Quality Pet Care Center, New Minas, Nova Scotia**

I work part-time at Whiskers Quality Pet Care Center. I manage the cash register, clean and feed numerous animals, do general upkeep of the store (stocking, sweeping, dusting, etc.), and I help many customers find what they need and I answer any questions they might have about many different topics.

June 1999 - July 2003

- ● ● ● **Employee, Brent Gerrits Collision & Refinishing, Port Williams, Nova Scotia**

I worked at my father's auto body shop during the summer prepping, sanding, assembling, disassembling, detailing and cleaning vehicles. I also did general upkeep and a lot of yard work

## awards and certifications

- ● ● ● **Nova Scotia Credit Union Bursary (November, 2006)**

I received a \$500 cash award to go towards further schooling. This award is presented to a student who has a financial need and who demonstrates initiative and passion in their chosen field of study
- ● ● ● **Applied Communication Arts Graduate Award (June, 2006)**

I received a \$100 cash award to go towards further schooling. This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated outstanding effort and program progress.
- ● ● ● **NSTU Calendar Design Contest 2006 (April, 2006)**

I received a \$400 scholarship bursary, and an additional \$200 for further design work, for my winning entry into the NSTU (Nova Scotia Teacher's Union) Calendar Design Contest.
- ● ● ● **Honorable Mention (March, 2006)**

I received an Honorable Mention in the Nova Scotia Skills Competition 2006 in the field of Graphic Design. I plan to compete next year as well.
- ● ● ● **WHMIS and OH&S Certificates (September, 2005)**
- ● ● ● **Central Kings Grad Logo Contest 2005 Winner (November, 2004)**

I won the "Central Kings Grad Logo Contest" for 2004, and my logo design was selected to be featured on many graduate related materials at the school.
- ● ● ● **Principal's List (June, 2003 - 2005)**

I received awards for having 90.3%, 93% and 86% academic averages, and I was placed on the Principal's and Dean's List for 2002-2005 at Central Kings High School.
- ● ● ● **First Aid and CPR (March, 2004)**

I am certified in both First Aid and CPR life-saving skills.
- ● ● ● **Best Academic Student Award (June, 2002)**

I received the Best Academic Student Award for 2001-2002 at Kings County Christian School.
- ● ● ● **Logo Design Contest and \$500 Scholarship Bursary (June, 2001)**

My logo design which I entered into the "Kentville Family and Children Services 90th Anniversary Logo Contest" was chosen to be featured on all their business documents (letterhead, memos, envelopes and messages, business cards, etc.), and was also presented in the 2001 Apple Blossom Parade as a parade float. I received a \$500 scholarship bursary for my design, as well as participation in many activities with the Family and Children Services in the Kentville area.
- ● ● ● **Honorable Mention (February, 2001)**

I received an Honorable Mention in the 2001 Canada Day Poster Challenge for my art entry.

## extracurricular activities and interests

Reading  
Philosophy  
Graphic Design & Digital Illustration  
Drawing  
Painting  
Photography  
Writing poems, short stories, and music lyrics  
Bicycling  
Basketball  
Skiing

## technical skills

- I possess a broad knowledge and many hours of experience with numerous essential design programs, including Adobe InDesign CS2, Illustrator CS2, Photoshop CS2, and ImageReady CS2, as well as Macromedia Dreamweaver 8, and Flash 8.
- I have an understanding of HTML code, as well as experience using it to create entire websites. I also have experience and knowledge of CSS and Javascript.
- I have training, knowledge, and experience of photography in the areas of lighting and how to use it, color management, white balance, exposure, proper light metering techniques, photo composition and processing, as well as touching up, fixing, restoring, and altering photos in Photoshop to create interesting and unique images, many of which I use in my designs.
- I have an understanding and experience with professional printing firms, and I understand the 4 color process, color separations, using spot (Pantone) colors, preparing designs, artwork, and photographs for print, as well as many other essential concepts and rules involved in Pre-Press.
- I have experience and an understanding of FTP and web server information.
- I have knowledge and experience of many basic programs such as Microsoft Excel, Word, Publisher, PowerPoint, and Outlook Express, as well as Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, and other web browsers.
- I have video-making experience, such as filming, editing, audio work and producing, as well as knowledge of film-making programs such as I-Movie and I-DVD.

## achievements and abilities

- ● ● ● ● Designed advertising materials for the Town of Bridgetown, Nova Scotia. These materials advertised the Bridgetown Summer Active Living Fair (an annual event) and included both small and large, full color and black & white posters, a newspaper advertisement, a brochure with event calendar and map, as well as a poster template for future events and a brand new logo for the event
- ● ● ● ● Headed a group of students in designing and making the K.C.C.S. yearbook, which included assigning jobs and tasks, meeting with businesses and teachers, obtaining and organizing pictures, graphics, and information, as well as conversing and planning (with the printing company), purchasing, and distributing the printed yearbooks
- ● ● ● ● Worked with a group of fellow entrepreneurs in a program called "Junior Achievers" to discuss concepts and ideas and create our own business, selling our product to generate income and learn basic, yet very important, business principles
- ● ● ● ● Gave numerous presentations and speeches to fellow students and teachers as well as to assemblies and community groups
- ● ● ● ● Created a poster expressing Breast Cancer Awareness and featuring the CBRF (Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation), using my photographic and layout skills
- ● ● ● ● Designed a magazine cover layout to demonstrate a knowledge of color separations (CMYK) and how they are used to create a text, images, and layout elements
- ● ● ● ● Created a medieval-themed map of Nova Scotia to direct clients from the airport to my workplace
- ● ● ● ● Volunteered myself and my skills at various community functions such as at the Noggins Corner Haunted House, church and school functions, parades and cleanups
- ● ● ● ● Designed numerous posters and advertising pieces for Whiskers Quality Pet Care Center (voucher sheets, display cards, posters and advertising materials)
- ● ● ● ● Designed 3 posters to promote AIDS Awareness in Nova Scotia
- ● ● ● ● Dealt with and organized hundreds of files (both electronic and paper) and documents for personal and for professional use (Whiskers Quality Pet Care Center)
- ● ● ● ● Created a newspaper front page. Wrote all the articles, designed the layout and all the advertisements, and did all the photography.
- ● ● ● ● Used my photography in numerous design projects as either the main focus or complimentary elements in the layout
- ● ● ● ● Designed an Asian-style menu layout for an Asian restaurant. I painted all illustrations by hand using Asian brush techniques, and incorporated these is my design. Much thought and research went into this project.

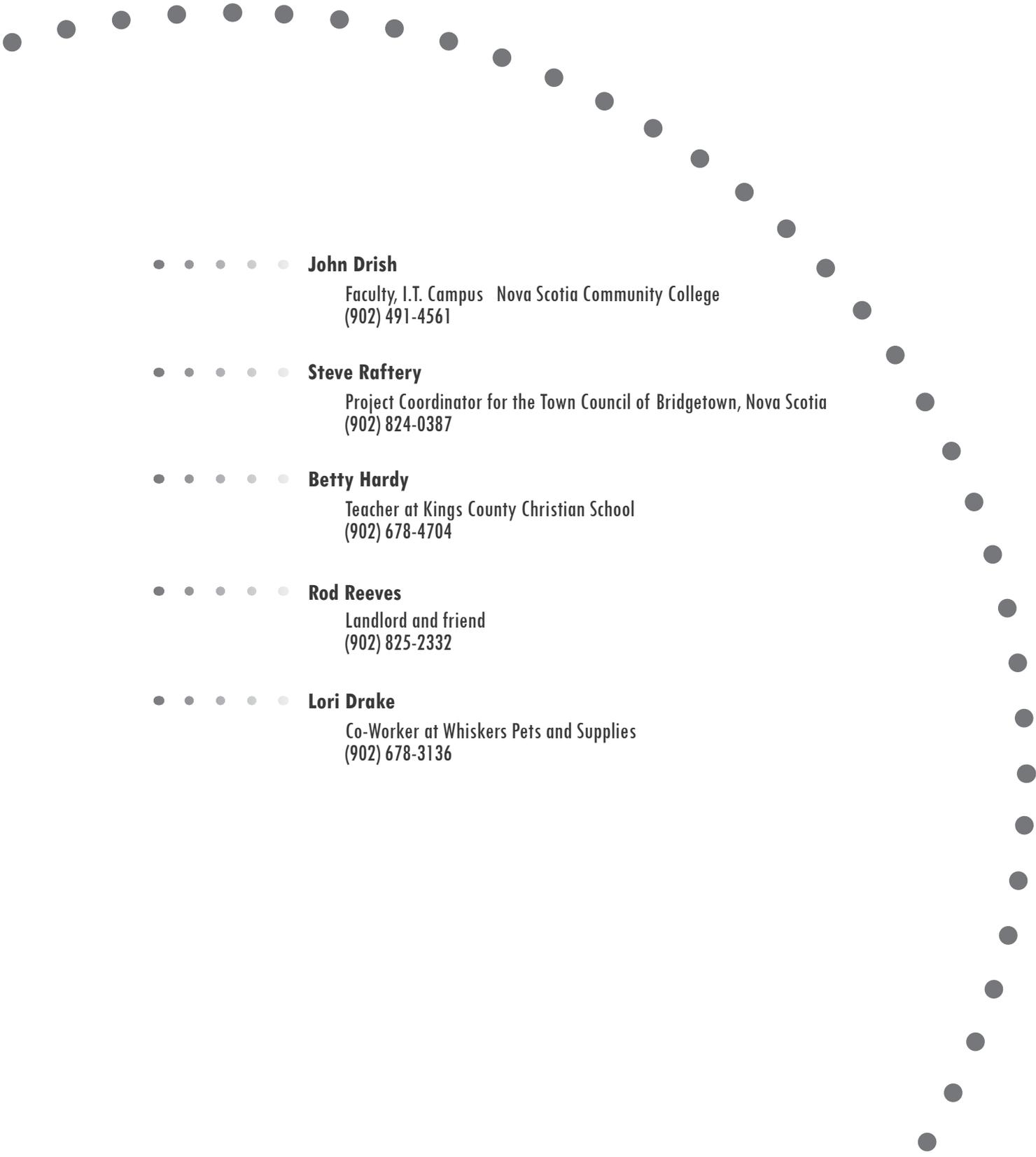
• Please note: this list represents what I feel are my strongest and most important skills, and is not a comprehensive collection of all my abilities. For a full listing, please contact me.

## additional information

**I am confident in my skills as a Graphic Designer, and I know that I would be a great asset to your company or business. Thank you for reviewing my resume. I hope I will hear from you soon.**

**Sincerely,  
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