

CONSTANCE BENFORD

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

PROFILE

Seeking internship experience working with an established design firm to apply creative skills, contribute to innovative projects, and exposure to the design workspace.

EDUCATION

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

(RISD) Providence, RI
2022-26 Bachelor of
Graphic Design, Honors
Japan International Program (2025)

Lorenzo De Medici

(LdM) Florence, Italy
Fall 2025 Study Abroad

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Providence, RI
Liberal Arts, ECON

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

WASHU Saint Louis, MO
2021 Pre-College Fine Arts

SKILLS

DESIGN

Typography, Lithography, Branding,
Animation, Brand Identity, Digital Marketing,
Social Media/ Web Design, Advertisement,
Layout, Design Systems, Book Design

SOFTWARES

Photoshop, Illustrator, Indesign, After Effects
Procreate, Microsoft Excel, Figma, ReadyMag

RELEVANT

Leadership, Time Management, Organization,
Communication, Innovation, Collaboration

AFFILIATIONS

RISD BAAD member since 2022
Black Artists and Designers

DESIGN EXPERIENCE

BACKDOOR Studio, Florence Italy 2025 - *Graphic Design Intern*

Collaborated with an international design team on branding, publication, and digital projects, contributing to the studio's fanzine and Backdoor Toys initiatives. Assisted in creative direction, illustration, and gained experience in cross-cultural communication, collaborative workflow, and integrating emerging technology such as AI into design practice.

Notion, LLC Summer 2025 - *Graphic Design Intern*

Designed print and digital collateral across diverse industries, collaborating with designers and marketing teams to deliver engaging brand design. Produced slide decks, informational graphics, campaign materials, and internal brand projects. Refined skills in Microsoft PowerPoint, Adobe Suite, and Figma

Lizanne Hart Consulting Spring 2025 - *Graphic Design Intern*

Supported brand development for nonprofit clients by creating iconography systems, report templates, brand guidelines, and logo animations. Contributed to cohesive visual identities through research, collaboration, and creative design.

Connistudio - *Entrepreneur, Freelance*

Redesigned the brand identity and packaging for Tizzy K's, a local Providence ice cream shop known for its flavors and cereal icecream, community-focused vibe, creating a joyful and inviting visual experience.

AWARDS

The Malcolm Gear Endowed Scholarship – 2024/2025
selected by the RISD Graphic Design department

National Honor Student – 2022-25 | RISD
Awarded for academic achievement during the semesters.

RISD Scholarship – 2022-26
Undergraduate scholarship awarded upon review of academic excellence, and fine arts portfolio.

STL Congressional Art Contest – 2022
Awarded second place by politician, Cori Bush for city inspired art piece.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Residential Life, RISD 2023-2025 | *Residential Advisor*

Ensures a safe, inclusive dorm environment, demonstrating effective leadership, time management, and communication skills.

Gene Slays Girls & Boys Club, 2024 | *Reception Desk*

Organized information using Microsoft Office Suite and managed emails and phone calls to ensure smooth communication. Assisted with light design tasks.

