# I'm Rachel Szopa.

# CONTACT

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# **EDUCATION**

# University of Missouri

Columbia, MO | May 2018

# Bachelor's of Journalism: Strategic Communication

Magna Cum Laude | Fine Art Minor | Multicultural certificate

## SKILLS

Adobe Creative Suite | Hand Lettering | Illustration | Public Speaking | Writing | Social Media

#### LEADERSHIP

# Sigma Kappa Sorority

Vice President of Membership Organized all recruitment events, which included managing a \$30,000 budget, delegating detail-oriented jobs, and presenting workshops to chapter.

#### INVOLVEMENT

MU Abroad - London Won by One mission trip Mizzou Alternative Breaks Walk to End Alzheimer's

# **AWARDS**

Young Shits 2nd place, Nov 2018 Dean's List 8 semesters Novak Leadership Institute Kappa Tau Alpha Walter Williams Scholar Awarded for strong leadership and 33+ ACT

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### R/GA | Freelance Jr. Art Director

Chicago, IL I October 2018 - Present

Worked on bubly, LIFEWTR, and Melinda Gates's Pivotal Ventures. Contributed to multiple new business pitches.

# Freelance | Illustrator & Designer

Chicago, IL I June 2018 - Present

Created commissioned portraits. Designed resumes and wedding monograms. Sold prints and stickers of illustrations.

## mcgarrybowen | Art Direction Intern

Chicago, IL I June 2018 - August 2018

Worked on Disney Parks, Oscar Mayer, and FosterMore. Contributed to work for Planter's, Marriott, and Burt's Bees.

#### AdZou | Art Director

Columbia, MO I Jan 2018 - May 2018

Executed a branding and marketing campaign for a startup. Led creation of all campaign tactics - merchandise, out-of-home activations, and digital media.

Designed a 100+ page plan book and final pitch deck.

#### Relevant Youth | Content Creator

Columbia, MO | Aug 2017 - May 2018

Led creative vision for The Bridge, a store for student entrepreneurs at the University of Missouri.

Planned and promoted markets and creative workshops. Designed and curated the store's social media.

#### University of Missouri | Design Teaching Assistant

Columbia, MO | Aug 2017 - May 2018

Selected by faculty to assist with Strategic Writing and Design. Led tutorials on Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, and Illustrator. Offered guidance on branding, social strategy, and campaign execution.

#### West End on the Thames | Content Intern

London, England I Jan 2017 - May 2017

Designed print and web content for events company, including brochures, maps, and social graphics based on brand standard. Researched new venues and assisted at photoshoots. Wrote blogs, social posts, and new venue descriptions.

# I'd love to talk about:

Why QUEER EYE is the best show on Netflix | Why I love CREATING with my hands My plans to TRAVEL the world | My favorite part about living in CHICAGO