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# Olivia Michaelson | *Graphic Design and Photography*

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## Education

BFA in Graphic Design and Photography, Minor in Art History, Cum Laude

Missouri State University, May, 2025

Jefferson City High School

Graduated 2020

## Work Experience

Firestruck Magazine: Volunteer Lead Graphic Designer | Remote: August, 2025–present

Art direction, team management, pre-press, and layout design for artistically driven indie magazine

Saving The Sea Organization: Volunteer Graphic Designer | Remote: July, 2025–present

Designing various materials including updated branding, letterhead, social media posts, etc. for a student-led non-profit focused on preserving the world's oceans and shorelines through legislation.

Missouri State University: Design Technician | Springfield, MO: June, 2024–Dec. 2025

Designing promotional material including poster and social media for department exhibitions and events as well as large scale printing production up to 44" wide and basic printer maintenance.

Ulta Beauty Advisor: May, 2023–May, 2024

Kohl's Sales Associate: May, 2022–August, 2022

## Freelance Work

Logo and branding for MO State Photographic Society: February, 2026

Graduation portrait photography: May, 2025

Logo design for Artebus Media (mobile photography business): March, 2025

Thumbnail logo design for Hit Points & Hijinks (podcast): May, 2024

Logo design for Sutton & The Ghosts (local band): August, 2023

## Teaching

Violin Private Lessons Instructor: 2019–2024

Summer Orchestra Assistant Teacher: Summers of 2016, 2018, and 2019

## Publishings

Geologic Wonders of Missouri: photography; March, 2025



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## Accomplishments and Recognitions

Missouri State University Juried Student Exhibition 2025: Best Graphic Design Award

American Advertising Federation Heartland: Silver Addy Award 2024 and 2025

College Dean's List: Spring/Fall 2021, Spring/Summer/Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Spring/Fall 2024

Member of National Honor Society: Jefferson City Chapter (inducted 2019)

## Exhibitions

*In Her Strength: A Craft Experience*: Craft Alliance (St. Louis, MO): February 12–May 11, 2026

*Grayscale*: Dusk Photo Gallery (Santa Fe, NM): December 5–26, 2025

*Monochrome Moments*: Blue Koi Gallery (Online): July 15, 2025

*Is It Not a Photograph?* Photography pop-up show: MSU Brick City Gallery: May 7, 2025

Professional Design Practicum Exhibition: MSU Carolla Gallery: April 28–May 9, 2025

*What Else It Is*: Senior Capstone: MSU Brick City Gallery: April 21–May 2, 2025

Missouri State University Juried Student Exhibitions: MSU Carolla Gallery:  
March 20–April 12, 2024 (Juror: Steve Snell) and March 7–April 4, 2025 (Juror: Sage Dawson)

Missouri State University Biennial Design Exhibition: MSU Brick City Gallery:  
October 20–November 8, 2023 and October 20–November 7, 2025

Missouri State University Foundations Exhibitions: MSU Brick City Gallery:  
Spring of 2021 and January 24–February 11, 2022