

Courtney Marie Nielsen  
Art Director & Designer

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EXPERIENCE ~~~~~

**Graphic Designer & Coordinator:** March 2010-Present  
Tiger Oak Publications, Minneapolis, MN  
Provides design for in house collateral materials for print and web as well as design and traffic client ads for six community lifestyle publications

**Freelance Graphic Designer:** August 2008-Present  
Courtney Nielsen Designs, Inver Grove Heights, MN  
Responsibilities include consultation, design, and production for clients such as Arthritis Foundation, Lupient Auto, University Guide and Just Another Day Designs

**Associate Designer:** August 2007-August 2008  
Metropolitan Media Group, Bloomington, MN  
Involvement included art direction, design and pre-press production of Minnesota magazines including *Minnesota Business*, *Edina*, and *Lake Minnetonka*

**Junior Art Director:** June 2006-August 2007  
**Intern Art Director:** November 2005-May 2006  
ZLRIGNITION Advertising Agency, Des Moines, IA  
Worked on concepts, design and final art for accounts such as Iowa State University, Beam Central Vacuum Systems, and Des Moines Downtown Community Alliance

**Graphic Designer:** January 2005-December 2005  
*Iowa State Daily* Newspaper, Ames, IA  
Designed advertisements for daily and special publications

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS ~~~~~

President, Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association, July 2010-Present  
Vice-President, August 2007-June 2010  
Presides over membership and philanthropic events for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area as well as designs monthly newsletters, event invitations, and website

Creative Director, Advertising Club Exec Board, September 2005-May 2006  
Created and produced posters, fliers and direct mail to promote the club at Iowa State University

Minnesota Magazine and Publications Association Award, 2008  
Won Gold Award for Best Overall Design for *Minnesota Business*, June Issue

Des Moines Outy Awards Billboard Competition, 2006  
Received Honorable Mention for concept

SOFTWARE SKILLS ~~~~~

Proficiency in Adobe Creative Suite 3 and Microsoft Office Suite  
Basic knowledge in Dreamweaver, Flash, HTML, and CSS

EDUCATION ~~~~~

B.A. in Advertising and Art & Design: Graduated May 2006  
Iowa State University, Ames, IA