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To Whom it May Concern:

Before I was displaced by Hurricane Katrina, I had worked long and hard to become a graphic designer for Caesar's/Harras's Entertainment, working even harder to reach the level of being one of the most reliable graphic designers in our department. If hired I will work with the same dedication that I gave to the Grand Casinos on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Life is never simple and nature has a way of putting you between a rock and a hard place. In the five years since Hurricane Katrina displaced my family to north Alabama I have had to make many hard choices. Choosing to put my graphics career on hold and helping my parents pick up the pieces after the hurricane, in my estimation, was an easy choice. Now I have chosen to get back into graphics and restart my career that was stalled by a major natural disaster. I have learned many lessons from life after Hurricane Katrina and feel this experience will help me in a future position.

I have five years of experience as a graphic designer, working for the in-house advertising department of Caesar's/Harras's Entertainment, working as the designer responsible for many of the projects for the Grand Casino Biloxi and Grand Casino Gulfport. In addition to the Grand Casinos I would also be asked to help with projects from the other casinos in our region. This experience afforded me the chance to develop strong computer skills utilizing such programs as Quark Express, Indesign, Illustrator and Photoshop (Creative Suite). Working for the Grand Casinos also gave me the chance to showcase my illustrative abilities. In the interim after leaving Caesar's/Harras's Entertainment I have spent the past four years in a retail environment. This afforded me the experience of working close with customers and getting a different perspective on marketing and ad campaign's, seeing how graphics and ads can influence customers and their needs.

I would like to schedule an appointment at a mutually beneficial time to discuss any employment opportunities that are available. Thanks for your time, patience and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Objective As an experienced, creative minded Graphic Designer I am seeking to return to a career in the Graphics business using my design and illustrative skills.

Experience **2009-2010 Officemax Anniston, AL**
Impress Associate

- Maintained the *Impress* Service Department at Officemax
- Utilized Xerox printers, laminators, binders and other various equipment to create and finish work for the Impress customers.

2006-2009 Wal-Mart Guntersville, AL
Sales Associate

- Maintained the Electronic's department and sold Electronics merchandise to interested customers

2000-2005 Harrah's/Caesar's Entertainment Gulfport, MS
Graphic Designer

- Participated in developing various campaign ideas for the Gulf Coast Grand Casinos
- Designed Print media for casinos owned by Harrah's/ Caesar's Entertainment (i.e. Posters, backlit duratrans, invites, rackcards, brochures, menus, direct mail and self mailers and many other promotional collateral pieces)
- Used illustration skills for various projects for the department

1999-2000 Park Place/Caesar's Entertainment Gulfport, MS
Production Assistant

- Cut down and finished projects for designers and maintained poster printers for the department
- Through hard work and determination I worked my way up to becoming a Graphic Designer

Education **1993-1999 University of Southern Mississippi Hattiesburg, MS**
Bachelor's of Fine Arts, Graphic Communication

Skills

I have experience using the programs Quark Express, Adobe Indesign, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe Photoshop (The Adobe Creative Suite). Working for the Grand Casinos also gave me the chance to use my illustrative and design skills honed from years of working on my own art projects.

Awards

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| 2004 Gold Addy Award | 2003 Addy A Illustration |
| 2004 Gold Addy Award | Grand Angler's Invite |
| 2004 Gold Addy Award | Grand Angler's Illustration |
| 2004 Gold Addy Award | Grand Angler's T-Shirt |
| 2004 Gold Addy Award | Snapper Jacks Menu Cover |
| 2004 Silver Addy Award | Ohr O'Keefe Coloring Book |
| 2004 Silver Addy Award | 2003 Addy Silver Awards Illustration |
| 2005 Gold Addy Award | Childrens' Shelter Wall Mural |
| 2005 Gold Addy Award | Weird Al Yankovic Poster Illustration |
| 2005 Silver Addy Award | The Commodores Invite |