MARIA NAQVI social specialist | visual storyteller

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EDUCATION

OCADU (ONTARIO COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN)

Bachelor of Design (BDes) Advertising

MIT PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

Applied Generative A.I. for Digital Transformation

AWARDS

OCADU MEDAL WINNER

PORTFOLIO WINNER

SKILLS

Social Media Graphic Design Adobe Creative Suite

- Photoshop
- Illustrator
- After Effects
- Premiere
- InDesign

Generative A.I.

Large Language Models (LLM)

Figma

- 3D Design
- **Motion Graphics**
- **Content Art Direction**
- Team Management

Award Winning Creative Leader and Storyteller with a track record of delivering world-class design concepts using handcrafted visuals that inspire brand awareness and customer growth.

WORK EXPERIENCE

SOCIAL SPECIALIST (COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT & COPYWRITER) NARRATIVE PR Agency May 2024 - Present

- Adapted strategies to the unique voices of renowned brands like **Rexall, Planet Fitness, Salesforce, KFC, and Second Cup**, creating engaging content aligned with their missions.
- Leveraged analytics and performance insights to fine-tune strategies, resulting in improved engagement rates, better campaign effectiveness, and long-term reputation management for high-profile clients.
- Continuously evolving creative and analytical approaches to stay ahead of digital trends, ensuring all campaigns remain relevant, innovative, and impactful.

ART DIRECTOR & CONTENT CREATOR

Mississauga Arts Council Feb 2023 - Present

- Adapted to the ever-changing landscape of social media to **enhance engagement** and showcase community talent.
- Focused on generating compelling content that resonates with current trends, significantly boosting interactions.
- Successfully increased social media engagement by **500%**, **reflecting in a surge of new followers and accelerating follower growth from 2,000 to 10K in just seven months**, a stark contrast to the previous slower rate of growth.
- **Spearheading the upcoming rebrand campaign** for MAC, targeting even greater visibility and engagement in the new year.
- Continuously evolving to keep pace with digital trends, ensuring that **content remains** relevant and impactful.

CREATIVE CONSULTANT

University of Calgary Jan 2023 - Present

- Managed a research project at the University of Calgary focusing on newcomer families, **blending AI technology and fine art in workshops** to express the identity shifts experienced by immigrants in Canada.
- Recruited and supervised assistants to facilitate art workshops.
- Organized and promoted an exhibition of the created artworks at the Jubilee Auditorium, including designing all graphics and promotional materials.
- Developed a Virtual Art Exhibition to enhance accessibility and visibility of the artworks online.