

## Mikayla (Mengyao) Gao

She/Her/Hers  
Graphic Designer

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## Education

09.2020–08.2024  
**ArtCenter College of Design**  
Pasadena, CA  
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design,  
Minor in Business, Graduated with Honors

Emphasis on Brand Identity Development  
and Transmedia Design.

## Experience

04.2022–08.2022  
**Freelance Graphic Designer**  
Minhang Crosspoint Academy  
Anime, Comics, Games (ACG) Club  
Shanghai, China (Remote)

Designed a yearbook for the ACG Club at  
Minhang Crosspoint Academy. Created a  
cohesive visual system for the club using  
my skills in image editing, typography,  
illustration, and publication. The yearbook  
received an Honorable Mention from the  
Journalism Education Association (JEA).

05.2021–07.2021  
**Freelance Graphic Designer**  
JD Industry and Education Institute  
Beijing, China (Remote)

Designed a promotional booklet cover of an  
introduction brochure for the Industry and  
Education Institute in Beijing. Utilized skills  
in illustration and publication to emphasize  
the cultural identity of Malaysia. Ensured  
the cover design effectively represented the  
institute's brand and appeal.

## Expertise

**Strong working knowledge of**  
InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Acrobat,  
Procreate, Glyphs, FontStruct, Figma, p5.  
js, MadMapper, HTML/CSS, Miro, Keynote

**Familiar with**  
After Effects, Cinema 4D, Redshift,  
Blender, Webflow, Media Encoder, Bridge,  
Processing, Lightroom, TouchOSC, Excel

## Skills

Brand identity development, creative cod-  
ing, generative design, 3D motion graphics,  
packaging design, font design, laser cut-  
ting, typography, editorial and print design

## Recognition

09.2020–08.2024  
**ArtCenter Undergraduate Scholarship**

05.2024–08.2024  
**H.B. Edwards Endowed Scholarship**  
**Jerry V. Johnson Endowed Scholarship**

05.2024–08.2024  
**2024 Cultural Olympiad Competition,**  
**Honorable Mention**  
A Garden (Poster and 3D Motion Graphics)

01.2024–04.2024  
**ArtCenter Student Gallery**  
Pacific Aquarium (Identity Poster Design)  
Pacific Visions (Identity Poster Design)

09.2023–12.2023  
**Jerry V. Johnson Endowed Scholarship**

Fall 2023, Fall 2021  
**Provost's List**  
ArtCenter College of Design  
GPA of 3.8 or higher

02.2023  
**KAZN AM1300 Radio Interview**  
The Design Journey of Mikayla Gao

01.2023–08.2023  
**ArtCenter Student Gallery**  
*Night Reimagined* (Editorial Design)

01.2023–04.2023  
**Hoffmitz Milken Center for Typography**  
**(H\_M\_C\_T Gallery)**  
Reveryl (Font and Poster Design)

09.2022–04.2023  
**Pentagram Design Endowed Scholarship**

01.2022–08.2022  
**Patricia Howell Endowed Scholarship**  
**Fletcher Jones Scholarship**

01.2022–04.2022  
**ArtCenter Student Gallery**  
*Stop Stereotypes* (Editorial Design)

09.2021–12.2021  
**Fletcher Jones Scholarship**

## Languages

Fluent in English. Native in Mandarin.