



Braeden Westfall is an Artist from small town Rock Falls, Illinois with big city dreams and looking to relocate after college. He specializes in Graphic Design and Digital Media. He is also working on his skillset in Photography and photo editing. His skillset from Design and in the Adobe Suite are transferable to Photography as well. He has a good foundation that allows him to dabble in all types of art as he has also worked with his hands and prototyped for product design. He is trying to become and improve his skills in lots Art in general to become a “jack of all trades” as they say. He is currently a Senior at Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, Illinois. He is studying towards his Bachelor of Science in Fine Art with a focus area in Visual Communications. He decided to be a Fine Arts student at Northern Illinois, so he could try out all Art mediums and improve his skills in the ones he struggled most with. The flexibility of this program has allowed him to become a great graphic and digital artist, but also take his skillset farther than that and have him be able to use those skills in other areas of work as well. He is a transfer student from Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois where he was a double major in Design and Business. This allowed him to use both left and right brain thinking in which he says really helped him with the way to look at life and art. He uses the critical thinking a lot when he is working on his projects. He says “Art allows me a space to free my mind and at times allows me to show the world how I feel in a different and subjective way. One of my main goals is to be able to change the world through my art and work. I just want to inspire others and really spread positivity and love in a world that could use more of it.” He is a big family and friend guy who just wants to make them proud. He was a former athlete at Knox College in which he says allows him different types of skillsets that also transfer very well over to the art world which include time management, hard work, dedication, leadership, working well as a team, adversary and adaptability in situations that are not always ideal and more. He is set to Graduate in May of 2021 and will look to take his skillset to a job that suites him, his views, goals, personality, and ability to grow. He also plans to start his own business(s) in the future when the time is right for him on his journey to becoming an inspiration for all.