#### SUMMARY

By using human centered design principles, I innovatively strategize, conceptualize, and deliver engaging customer experiences through a product's life cycle.

Experienced in leading, fostering and influencing cross functional, product areas and company stakeholders; quickly grasping and distilling highly ambiguous problems into simple and clear solutions.

I am passionate about always surpassing users expectations, delivering flawless collaboration and execution, and constantly elevating overall product excellence.

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#### EXPERIENCE

**Google** Aug 2018 – Present Staff Interaction Designer Defined and communicated product design strategy, vision, and guiding principles to team members, cross-functional peers, and stakeholders.

**Toyota** May 2017 – Jul 2018 Senior Interaction Designer Introduced design philosophies for flexible design architecture and contributed to the launch of 3 major enterprise system modules.

# **JCPenney** May 2015 – Apr 2017 UX Designer

Worked across research, UX and visual design on multi-team initiatives to define user experience strategies and prioritize product roadmaps.

# Southwest Airlines Dec 2014 - Apr 2015

Interaction Designer Delivered customer-focused design solutions, informed by research

insights, enhancing key user flows and evolving the design system.

Advocare Oct 2013 – Nov 2014 UX Designer Partnered with product, engineering and business leads to deliver experience consistency and cohesion across the product suite.

#### EDUCATION

### B.A. Arts & Technology

University of Texas at Dallas Cum laude honors Phi Theta Kappa

# Agile & SCRUM Certified

Scaled Agile, Inc. & Scrum, inc.

TOOLS & METHODS

## **Formative Research**

User Interviews Competitive Analysis

# **Generative Research**

Affinity Diagramming User Personas Journey Mapping

## **Summative Research**

Usability Testing Heuristic Evaluation Cognitive Walkthrough

# Design & Prototype

Figma Google Workspace Microsoft Office iWork Suite AI and LLM's