

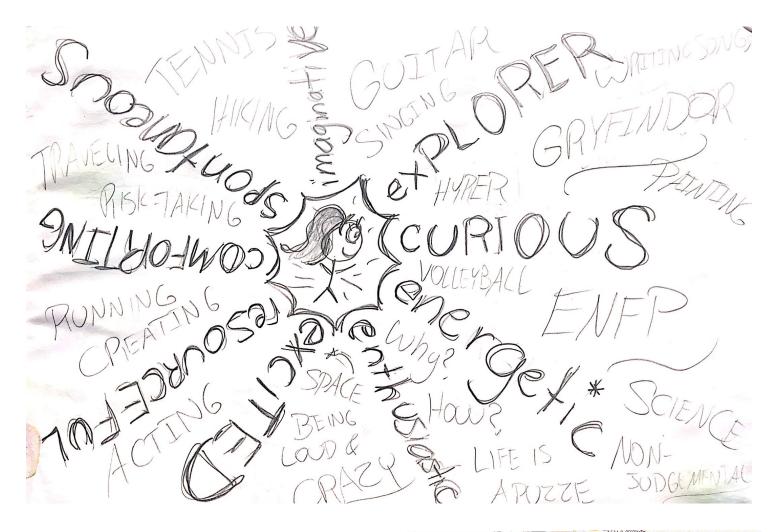
# BRANDING PROCESS

# REFLECTION



# SOUL-SEARCHING

A personal brand requires lots of time to **reflect**. I got started by asking people how they would characterize me. Then while I was alone, I would try to describe myself. I also answered a series of questions that gave a better sense of my personality. What was distinct about this task was that it was personal. In the bottom left, you will see some initial sketches I drew in my own diary.



# PERSONALITY QUESTIONS

If you could be any character in fiction (book, TV, movie), whom would you be and why? Deam

### Jack from Titanic

If Hollywood made a movie about your life, whom would you like to see play the lead role as you? Anne Hathaway

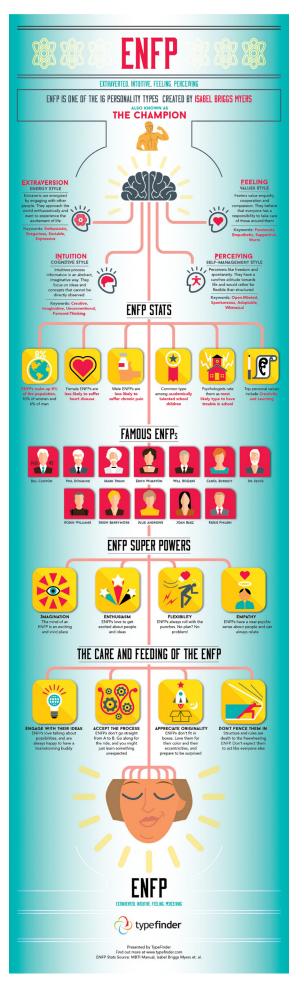
If you could be a superhero, what would you want your superpowers to be?

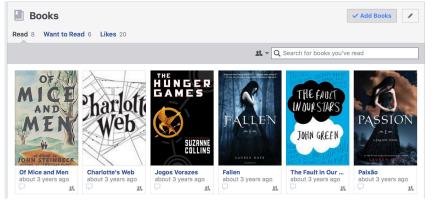
To talk to animals

If you could compare yourself with any animal, which would it be and why? Donkey because I am a people per-son but appear a bit strange and embrace it

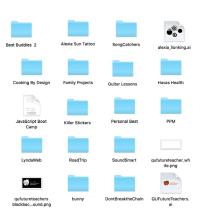
Who do you admire most and why? Ellen DeGeneres because she is able to be herself with the entire world everyday and push boundaries

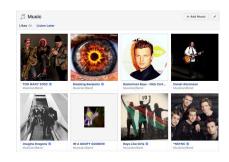












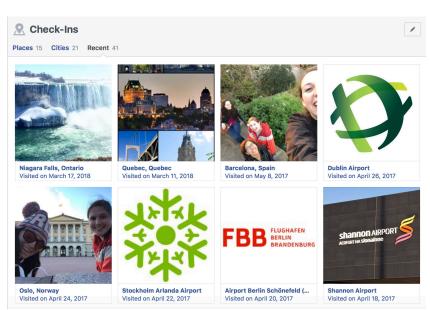
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- Organize stuff on computer -
  - READ
  - Netflix
    - Game of Thrones
    - o The Walking Dead
  - o Heroes
  - Music
  - o Write / Learn Songs on Guitar PPM Website
- Art 😊 -
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- Write Stories Expand on writing Watch Star Wars and Indiana Jones -



# RESEARCHING

I treated branding myself much like I do for other design tasks. I took some time to go through some of my old folders on my computer, my music, old assignments, and went through my past diaries. Looking and **researching objectively** about myself helped to uncover certain information that I wouldn't have if I reflected without references.

# BRAINSTORMING

These sketches began the continuous process of **broadening my thoughts**. Having no limitations, I was able to come up with numerous ideas. There were some logos that I liked and continued further in my compositions. Overall, I learned more about myself because I was constantly looking for new alternatives.



# LOGG DEVELOPMENT







# ROUND 1 | Brainstorming

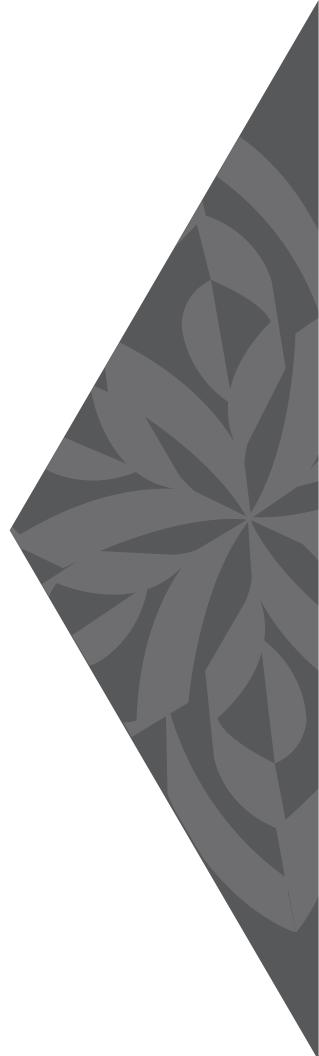
Through this first round of designing, I understood something about myself and why it was so hard for me to create a logo. I love to brainstorm and it is hard for me to settle on one path. This is represented by the scattering shapes in many of my logos. Ever since I was little I have always been interested in a variety of subjects. I wanted to be an astronaut, an astrophysicist, an artist, a teacher and so much more. I know I will never settle on one path, that I love having loads of options and am always wanting to think of more.

# PROS

- $\cdot$  Brightly colored
- Has a "free flowing" feel
- $\cdot$  Explains my personality

# CONS

- · Dandelion is overdone as a logo
- Unable to tell my personal story to an employer through this logo idea



# ROUND 2 | Nature / Guitar

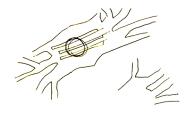
After realizing that there were many dandelion logos, I wanted to take a different path with my next set of logo designs. During my free time I love to play guitar and take walks through the woods. I began by sketching and then solidifying the ideas in illustrator. In some sketches, I focused on the guitar strings being branches to bring the two ideas together.

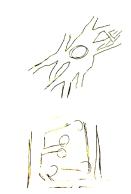
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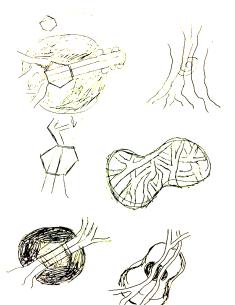
- $\cdot$  Shows where I gather my inspiration
- · Brings two ideas together

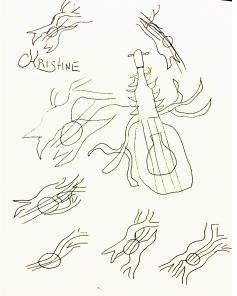
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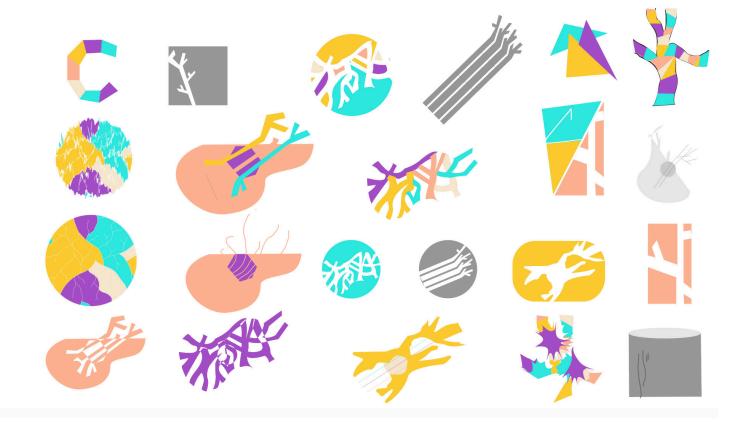
- · Doesn't relate to my design career
- $\cdot$  May be misconstrued as a musical or nature logo



































# ROUND 3 | Snowflake

Finally, I was following down a path I felt more sure I could turn into my ultimate logo. I remembered a time when I would make crafts for my Mom's friends when I was very young. During Christmas time, I would spend hours crafting large snowflakes for everyone I knew. I realized after reflecting on this memory, that doing projects for others has always made me happy, and it is the very reason I am a designer.

# PROS

- $\cdot$  Represents why I love to design
- Has a unique structure
- $\cdot$  Represents a childhood story

# CONS

 $\cdot\,$  Must be simplified to feel more like a logo

# ROUND 4 | Solidifying Ideas

This was the final stage of developing ideas before designing my final logo. I wanted to experiment with presenting the snowflake in circles, triangles and swirl shaped figures. Laying them all out side by side, I saw that the swirl with the snowflake together appeared too busy. From these options, I made sure to ask other people their opinions. One suggestion that stood out to me was that the tilted triangle had a "quirky" effect.



























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Primary Logo

Secondary Logos

# **FINAL LOGO**

After viewing different versions of how to present the snowflake, I was sure that I wanted yellow as the color and I wanted a white snowflake. I also found that I would have to use a dark color for the text because the information would not be clear using a light color. As for the shape, having heard from several people that the tilted triangle had a quirky effect, I decided that this fit my personality best.

# TOUCHING UP

There were some minor touch-ups I had to fix before presenting the final logo. Initially, the logo appeared a bit lighter overall which did not stand out as much. Changing the saturation of each color help to make the logo brighter. As for the shape and to get the snowflake symmetrical, I had to fine tune the edges several times.

# BRANDING PRINTS



# **RESUME** | Past Versions

I had made resumes in the past but now it was time to brand and finalize what I had. The large image on the left represents my initial resume, it was sectioned off into rows. I knew I wanted to change the grid-structure so there would be more than one column and there would be more room for additional information. The large image on the right represents my second attempt as I was figuring out my brand. I played with the grid structure to be two columns and I added the logo and the "reach out" section.

# PROS

- $\cdot$  Fits all of my information with two columns
- $\cdot$  Easy to read with bold headers

# CONS

- $\cdot$  The header does not relate well with the design
- New brand must be incorporated
- No icons
- · Address and website are separated

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June 2017 - August 2017

June 2016 - August 2016

June 2015 - August 2015

Summer 2014 - Summer 2014

### Summary

Motivated worker with high energy and great communication skills. Friendly and reliable professional that is able to adapt quickly and work in team environemt

### Education

Quinnipiac University, School of Arts and Sciences, Hamden, CT Expected May 2018 Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interactive Digital Design with a Minor in Computer Science GPA 3.654

### Experience

### Havas Health & You

Creative Department Production Internship

- Creative Producer for Havas Production Studios
- · Collaborating with production team to produce prints for vendors
- Extensive knowledge in printers, various sized paper and thickness

### Quinnipiac Polling Institute

September 2016 - December 2016 Phone Interviewer to American Residents • Surveying residents across America about the 2016 Politcal Election and issues in the news

### Havas Health & You

Junior Art Director Internship

- Collaborated with large team to re-brand the company through their Website and Social Media
  Helped with Internal Social Media through Instagram and Facebook
  Worked with Adobe Programs and Wacom Tablets to create advertisements
- STEM Program: Next Level Day Camp

STEM Assistant and Counselor to children ages 7 to 13

Introduced the basics of STEM (Science | Technology | Engineering | Mathematics) Enhanced problem solving skills by providing collaborative activities

Parish Property Management

- Administrative and Graphics Assistant Coordinated with team to Design company banner to be presented at Job Site Cardinal Hayes HS Worked with the head administration team to code them a website for the company

### Skills

Social Multitasker, Persuasive Communicator, Enthusiastic, & Service Minded

Technology Adobe Programs, DSLR Cameras, Printers, Macbook, PC & iPhones

### Quinnipiac University Activities

- Treasurer of the AIGA This club is for future graphic designers and those who take interest in digital creativity
- Organizing group activities to help young designers improve upon their skills

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### Mock Trial

Competed against Amherst University and University of Pennsylvania by playing various witness roles Competed against Annuels university and anatomy of states, etc. and practice speaking skills
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### Passion

Photography Painting Traveling Guitar / Songwriting

### Reach Out!

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# **RESUME** | Final Version

Bringing over elements from past versions, I decided to keep the two-column grid and the bolded header sections. It made sense to bring the narrower column to the left so the logo had its own place to sit. I incorporated the green within the rest of the resume through the icons and section headers. This layout also made room for additional information.

# BUSINESS CARDS | Research

Having never made my own business card, it was important to research and see how other graphic designers displayed their content. What I noticed was that each designer played with their grid-structure to work with their graphic elements. I also saw that it was a trend to have the back a solid color and the front to have the majority of the information with color accents.













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# USING MOO GUIDELINES

The company "MOO" has a specially-sized business card where the height is slightly longer than the average size of most business cards. I thought this would differenciate myself from others because it would feel unique in someone's hand. To use MOO's template, I had to alter my design and use unique guidelines to make sure the proportions were correct.

# USING RAISED SPOTGLASS

What is also special about the company "MOO" is their raised spotglass option. This allowed me to raise elements within my design such as the snowflake and my name. In Illustrator and Indesign, I had to make separate files to show the company what exactly I wanted to be raised. The black elements to the left represent what would be raised in my design.

# BUSINESS CARDS | Final

I wanted to incorporate my logo on the front of my card as well as the back of my card. On the front, I presented the information in one column for simplicity and had the logo expand over the corner. By enlarging the logo, the viewer can clearly see the pattern within the triangle. On the back, I used the white version of the snowflake to make backgrounds with alternating colors.

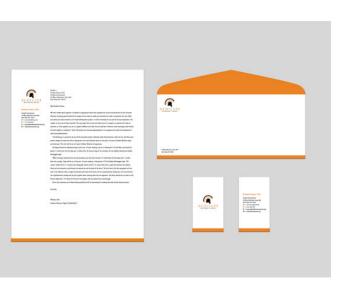


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# LETTERHEAD | RESEARCH

When researching, I found that many letterheads relate heavily to the envelope as well as the business cards. Going forth with the brand, I knew to make sure that past elements were included within the letterhead. Looking at these different designs side by side, I felt drawn to the two-column grid in the top right because it felt clean. Furthermore, using two columns would resemble the layout that I used for the resume.

# LETTERHEAD | FINAL

In my final letterhead, I used the information I learned from my research to format a document that was on-brand and clean. Using a two-column grid structure allowed there to be white space on the top of the text to give the reader breathing room. I placed the logo and contact information in the corner alone on the left to allow the header text to stand out. On the bottom of the page, I incorporated the snowflake once again as well as the color green used in the header text in the document.

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## **ENVELOPE** | Research

I saw that the envelopes that were brighter were the most intriguing to look at. I didn't want want to make my envelope white but after reviewing other examples I understood that I might have to use a color closer to white to have a bright envelope.

## **ENVELOPE** | Final

I used a lighter tone by mixing the green and yellow to create a brightly-muted color. This allowed me to lay the snowflake comfortably on top of the background while still not making it too distracting for the information to be written on the back. I used the horizontal logo to allow room for my address to be written out underneath my name.



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### LOGO VARIATIONS







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### COLOR PALLET





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INSPIRATION



# BRAND BOARD | Initial Design

Moving on from the logo, I wanted to specify exactly what my final brand would entail. In my first version of the brand board I used a three-column grid to lay out the information. I presented different images that I thought related to the mood of my brand but also represented its colors.

## PROS

- $\cdot$  Enough spacing for all the information
- Good grid structure
- · Ordering of information is easy to follow

## CONS

- Images are not personal
- The snowflake icon for the colors is repetitive against the logo image above
- The green line blocking off the primary logo does not fit in with the rest of the design

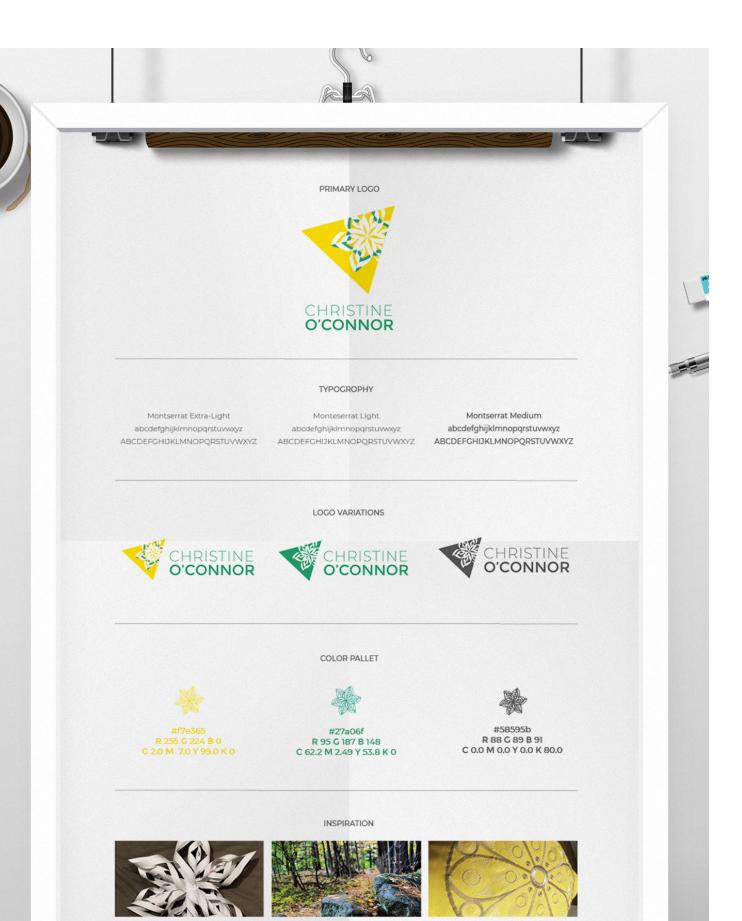
# BRAND BOARD | Pictures

One important improvement I wanted to add to the brand was my own personal touch. I thought that after creating a logo about something I used to do as a child, I better create it again and present it with my brand! On the bottom right is my hand-crafted snowflake. On the right of that is a pillow of mine I kept at college. The two other images were taken during the fall-time and represent the green and yellow within my logo. The one on the top left was taken for my photography class and the bottom right was taken in my own backyard a couple years ago.









## BRAND BOARD | Final

After reviewing the positives and negatives of my last composition, I developed my final brand board. I used the three-column grid structure from the last comp but added lines to section off the information. In the color pallet, I decided to use the snowflake's outline to represent each color. Unlike the last comp, this makes each section feel more distinct. I also replaced the stock photos with my own photos to add a personal touch to the piece.

# DIGITAL BRANDING



## WEBSITE HEADER | Pictures

I decided to first look at my own photos to see if anything worked with my brand but most did not seem to fit. I thought for a moment to use the rays of the sun to make my logo shine such as the top left image. However, I realized there was a clashing of ideas with using my snowflake logo to depict a sun. After playing with several photos it was evident that I needed to go in another direction.









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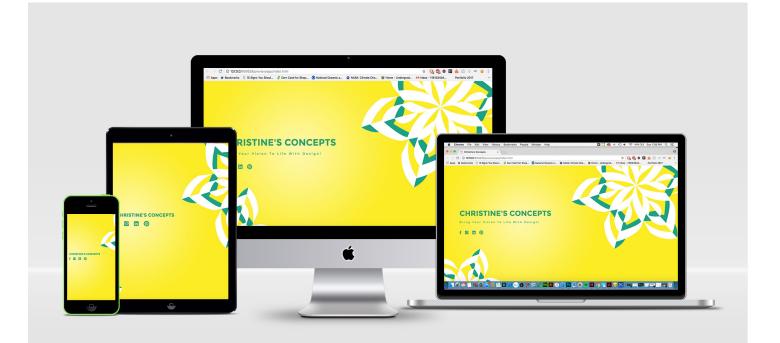
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## WEBSITE HEADER | Vector

Using elements within the logo and playing with the the three colors, I was able to present cleaner versions of what my header for the website might entail. The two large images on the top were the ideas I settled on. I liked the first version because it didn't feel too flat but the logo was not presented seamlessly within the design. In the second version, I was able to have the logo incorporated within the design but overall the header felt flat. Going forth, I knew I had to do something to the second version for the header to give the content more debth.

### FINAL WEBSITE

Finding the vector headers to be closer to my brand, I used the yellow background and added a lighter gradient around my content to add volume to the design. I wanted a full background so it would look similar on all digital platforms. To condense the information, I removed the subtext from the tablet and iphone because I didn't want smaller text for the front page on smaller devices.





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