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Visual designer with a background in hospitality and hands on systems.

Let's make cool things.

Design became the natural next step after years of firefighting, hospitality, and wrenching. I still lean on those instincts: read the room, trust your tools, lead with care.

Design is just another way to serve.

I'm Drew Kazanis, a builder, a server, a firefighter, a designer, and someone who tries to be a good friend.

I spent over 400 days on wildfire crews, earning a Squad Boss cert and leading teams through chaos. In the off season, I studied, worked, and logged thousands of hours behind bars and on busy floors. That time sharpened my instincts, reading people, meeting needs, staying present, solving problems.

That mindset led me to design.

At EWU, I found the tools to turn those instincts into systems: blending typography, UX, and storytelling to build things that feel human. Not just polished. Not just pretty. Cool.

Now I make things like:

- A satirical rideshare site that could change the world.
- An award winning Cold War style invite for a fictional temporal event.
- A real food bank site rebuilt for clarity, speed, and mobile first access.

I care about usability, tone, weirdness, and craft. And I still love guitars, manual transmissions, and dreaming up the next cool thing.

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