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skills

bilingual (english + spanish)
adobe creative suite
hand-drafting
photography
bid estimating
revit
autocad
rendering

awards

fall 2018 - spring 2022
deans list

april 2020
**betty kathryn mckay memorial
scholarship**

may 2018
**finalist in the 14th annual tech
arts scholarship competition**

january 2018
**finalist in scholastic art and
writing awards**

about me

i am a first-generation latine emerging interior designer looking for new opportunities to advance my career, education and skills. as someone who didn't always know i wanted a career in design, i want to emerge as a designer to help people better design spaces for their intended users. i am always on the look out new for opportunities to put my skills and knowledge to test, as well as a mentor to help further my expertise. i am a good collaborator with great leadership instincts and always open to follow others. i am not afraid to try something new and let my creativity flow.

education

graduated 2022

virginia commonwealth university, richmond, va

graduated in may 2022 with a bachelor of fine arts in interior design.

graduated 2018

west potomac high school, alexandria, va

graduated with an advanced diploma with a civics seal for completing 50+ hours of community service (180+ hours in total), and a spanish literacy seal.

experience

september 2021 - may 2022

golab @ vcu, richmond, va - lab assistant

learned how to do small and big format printing with old and new skills, practiced retail and costumer service skills, learned how to troubleshoot new machines, while running a queue of jobs.

july 2021

hickok cole, washington, dc - intern

i was mentored by many designers in the lifestyle group, where i got to participate in various projects. i learned how to take meeting minutes, the importance of collaboration and being part of a team, the importance of specs and attention to detail, and the significance of ff&e on a project.

december 2019 - december 2020

t&a construction, dumfries, va - bid estimator

learned how to price and estimate the cost of a project with the help of a mentor. learned how a company estimates a bid, to when they accept/get the project, to how they carry out the project and complete it. expanded my knowledge on how to read plans and construction documents. also learned how to price materials and details. got to practice contacting vendors and requesting info.

january 2018 - august 2018

west potomac high school, alexandria, va - teacher assistant

learned to pay attention to detail, had to keep track of all the grades for 20+ students. learned the importance of being flexible by managing 20+ learning styles allowing me to reinforced that everyone's needs aren't going to be the same, giving me a keen sense of situational awareness.

september 2017 - june 2018

mount vernon tennis, gym and athletic club, alexandria, va - child care

learned how to watch and take care of 10+ kids at a time with patience and kindness. learned how to multitask while making sure that every kid had their needs met. learned how to keep a tidy and clean room while having kids play. practiced being a mediator when two kids wanted the same toy.