

# Melida Valera

📍 New York, NY

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## AWARDS

**METROPOLIS Future 100** 2024

**NEWH, New York** 2023

Chapter Scholarship

**NEWH, INC.** 2023

Tarkett Hospitality Design Scholarship

**HOLLAND AND SHERRY** 2023

Diversity Scholarship

**VICTORIAN SOCIETY IN AMERICA** 2023

London Summer School

**HOLLAND AND SHERRY** 2022

Diversity Scholarship

## MEMBERSHIPS

**Black Design Collective** Present

Founder, President, Consultant

**ASID, Student Chapter** 2022 - 2024

President, Graphic Design Coordinator

**Graduate Student Assoc.** 2022 - 2024

Vice President

**ASID** 2022 - Present

Student, New York Chapter

**NEWH** 2021 - Present

Student, New York Chapter

**IIDA** 2021 - Present

Student, New York Chapter

## SKILLS

Bilingual: Spanish & English, Project Management, FF&E Procurement, Organizational, AutoCAD, Revit, Rhino, SketchUp, Adobe Creative Cloud, Microsoft Office: PowerPoint, Word, Outlook, & Excel

## EDUCATION

**NEW YORK SCHOOL OF INTERIOR DESIGN**, New York, NY May 2024

Master of Fine Arts, Interior Design

G.P.A.: 3.91

**LASELL UNIVERSITY**, Newton, MA May 2016

Bachelors of Science, Fashion and Retail Merchandising

## INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

**COREY DAMEN JENKINS & ASSOCIATES**, New York, NY Aug. 2023 – Oct. 2023

Design Coordinator

- Complied client presentations
- Assisted in project and furniture drawings, sourcing, and client meetings
- Attended site and client meetings
- Updated furniture and fixture schedules

**THAM KANNALIKHAM DESIGNS, LLC**, New York, NY Sept. 2022 – March 2023

Design Coordinator

- FF&E procurement
- Managed and tracked client orders and on-site deliveries
- Prepared purchased proposals in Studio Designer for client approval
- Handled vendor and on-site staff communication orders and on-site deliveries

**DASH DESIGN**, Long Island City, NY May 2022 – Aug. 2022

Interior Design Intern

- Assisted in all project phases and client presentations
- Utilized AutoCAD to create and modify elevations and sections
- Completed renderings in Photoshop
- Sourced and researched FF&E solutions
- Contacted vendors, ordered samples, collected and documented pricing and lead times
- Organized and maintained project samples and the sample room Prepared and packaged items and materials for client meetings

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

**New York School of Interior Design**, New York, NY 2022, 2023, 2024

Gala Staff Volunteer

**BADG of HONOR Awards Ceremony**, New York, NY Nov. 2022, Nov. 2023

Staff Volunteer

**New York School of Interior Design**, New York, NY Sept. 2022, Sept. 2023

Student Orientation Volunteer