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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