

A photograph of three young women standing outdoors on a college campus. They are all smiling and looking towards the right. The woman on the left has long dark hair and is wearing a blue shirt. The woman in the middle has long blonde hair and is wearing a white shirt. The woman on the right has short curly brown hair and is wearing a white shirt with colorful text patterns. They are standing in front of a large black triangular structure. In the background, there are green trees, a blue water bottle station, and a building. A poster titled 'Staying Busy at the Hub' is visible in the foreground, partially obscured by the women. Another poster titled 'ECOFRIENDLY TIPS FOR COLLEGE LIVING' is visible on the right side of the image.

CLIMATE JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY HUB

Click on each name to learn more about their co-op experience:

Staying Busy
at the Hub

Fall 2022

Allison Sandoval
and
Kaitlyn Hume

ECOFRIENDLY TIPS FOR COLLEGE LIVING

Carry a reusable water bottle
and refill at a **water bottle
filling station**

Get involved with student or local
sustainable-focused groups

Buy second-
hand (like the
Trash2Treasure
store) and
donate
unwanted items

Reduce waste
(avoid single use
plastics) and reuse
(like the Q22
reusable paper
containers from the
cafeteria)

Be conscious
of your water
usage and
avoid
water
waste

Recycle and
Compost what
available (like in
the dining halls)

Unplug appliances
and technology when
not in use

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avoid
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Compost what
available (like in
the dining halls)

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Daria Healey

Department:
Climate Justice and Sustainability Hub

Title:
Content Creation
and Engagement Part-time Co-op

Co-op from:
July 2022 - December 2022

School info:
Northeastern University
Graduating Spring 2023
Master of Science in Environmental
Science and Policy

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE CLIMATE JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY HUB

There are so many reasons! The Climate Justice and Sustainability Hub is a supportive and passionate team of individuals, and I am very grateful for the time I had with them. I loved being able to highlight the positive changes happening at Northeastern within the realms of sustainability and justice, and I enjoyed being able to speak with so many different members of the Northeastern community to complete this work. I have become a more knowledgeable and engaged member of the Northeastern community as a result, and with the guidance and support of the Climate Justice and Sustainability Hub team, I have also become a better writer.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

I learned how to be a more thoughtful and engaging writer by thinking more deeply about the diverse audiences I may reach in this role. I thought about how my stories might be perceived from a variety of perspectives, worldviews, and levels of understanding about various scientific or technical topics, and in doing so, I was able to find my own voice for communicating in a comprehensible and authentic way.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

"I would encourage you to keep an open mind and to keep asking deeper questions. You will write about a wide variety of topics in this role, some of which may be of greater interest to you personally, and some of which may not. But each story presents an opportunity for you to learn, and for your audiences to learn as well. The more thoroughly you understand a topic yourself, the better you will be able to communicate it in an engaging and educational way." - Daria



Brittany Segill

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE CLIMATE JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY HUB

As someone who is about to graduate, the Hub gave me a lot of insight and experience working in the field I'm interested in pursuing. It encompassed numerous aspects of the professional world, so I got to experience and build skills in multiple different areas. It is also exciting to be a part of the sustainable progress that the University has been working on.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

The internal workings of large institutions are incredibly complex and aren't as simple as it seems from the outside. Often times, people view large groups like municipalities, higher education, corporations, etc. as a black and white operation but I discovered how untrue that is. There are so many moving pieces that require dedication, collaboration, and sometimes patience. Working for a University enables you to see the inner workings and collaborations between the various private, public, and nonprofit sectors.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

"Don't be afraid to share your ideas, thoughts, or questions with your team! Even if the ideas or thoughts don't end up working out, it is still worth mentioning. As college students, you can offer new/fresh ideas that reflect the perspectives of the target audiences most of the departments are tailored for. As you start the co-op try to brainstorm some skills and experiences you want to gain from your time there. Even if it's not in your direct job description, try to mention it to your supervisor or team because they will be more than willing to adjust/work something out so you can make the most out of your time there. The co-op isn't just for you work but it is also for you to learn and gain useful skills/experience in a prospective field." - Brittany

Department:
Climate Justice and Sustainability Hub

Title:
Sustainability Project Coordinator

Co-op from:
July 2022 - December 2022

School info:
Northeastern University
Graduating Spring 2023
2nd year grad student in the
Environmental Science and
Policy Master's Program



Renee Abbott

Department:

Climate Justice and Sustainability Hub

Title:

Climate Justice and Sustainability Hub
Content Creation and Engagement Co-op

Co-op from:

January to June 2023

School info:

Northeastern University
Second year Journalism and Criminal
Justice combined major

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE CLIMATE JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY HUB

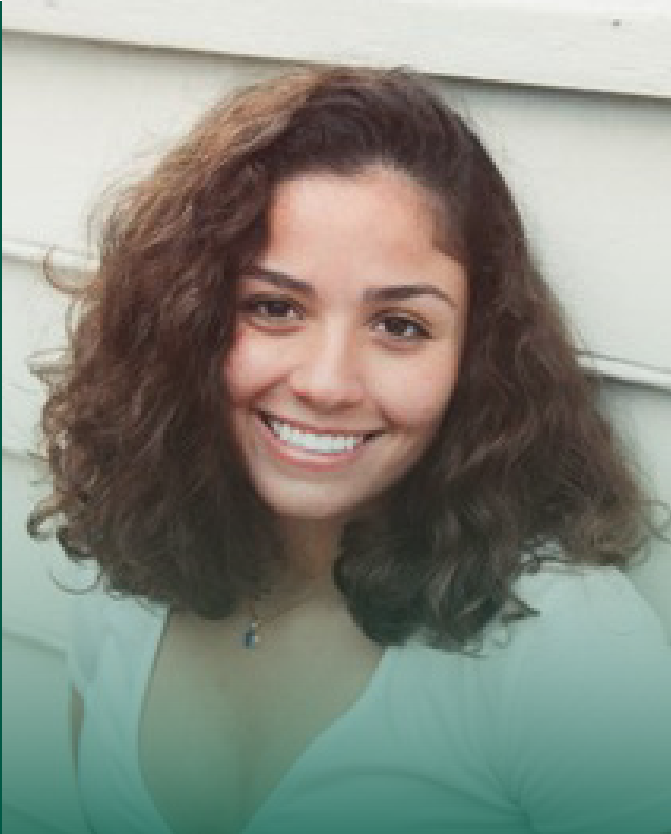
The Climate Justice and Sustainability Hub always has so many exciting projects going on and I have loved learning about them and helping in any way I can! As a writer for the Hub and PREF, I've had the opportunity to meet a lot of fascinating individuals and attend exciting events. Most importantly, I've appreciated being a part of the Climate Justice Action Plan development process. It will play such a huge role in the future of the university and I am honored to sit in on the trainings and community conversations and learn!

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

Covering more technical facilities stories and scientific sustainability focused stories has been a terrific learning experience for me as a writer because I have become better at making that information accessible to students. I have also gained valuable experience conducting interviews.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

I encourage future co-ops to talk to as many individuals as possible and write as many tales as they can! There is always something fascinating going on at PREF and at Northeastern, so this co-op is an excellent opportunity to learn more. I also recommend future co-ops to interact with the other co-ops; I have met some wonderful friends as a result of this experience.



Sofia Long

Department:
Climate Justice and Sustainability Hub

Title:
Sustainability Project Coordinator

Co-op from:
January 9th - June 30th

School info:
Northeastern University
College of Arts, Media and Design
Graduating Spring of 2025

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE CLIMATE JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY HUB

I enjoy working at the Climate Justice and Sustainability Hub because it allows me to interact with the Northeastern University community and learn more about what the university is doing to make our campus more sustainable. I've met so many people who are passionate about environmental protection.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

The most important thing I've learned from this experience is that everyone around me can teach me something. Listening to others and hearing about their experiences has taught me a lot.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

You should go into this experience with an open mind and be prepared to make mistakes because this is a necessary part of learning!



CAMPUS PLANNING & DESIGN

Click on each name to learn more about
their co-op experience:

Cory Berg
Connor Sullivan
Scott Margeson
Viktorija Albolina
George Danison
Daniela Btsh Khafif



George Danison

Department:

Planning, Real Estate and Facilities
Campus Planning & Design
(Boston and Global Network)

Title:

Campus Planning Co-op

Co-op from:

July 2022 - December 2022

School Info:

Northeastern University
Graduating Spring 2025
BS Architecture

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE CAMPUS PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Working at campus planning has been a great experience in part because of the people I work with – everyone here has been kind, supportive, and always available to communicate.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

The biggest lesson I learned during the co-op experience is to stay engaged by learning new skills through my work.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

"I'd like to tell that when working in this position, there is a wide variety of kinds of work to do, so reach out to your supervisors if there's something specific you'd like to be exposed to."- George





Daniela Btresh

Department:

Planning, Real Estate and Facilities
Campus Planning & Design
(Boston and Global Network)

Title:

Campus Designer Co-op

Co-op from:

July 2022 - December 2022

School Info:

Northeastern University
Graduating Spring 2025
BS Architecture
and Minor in Graphic Design

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE CAMPUS PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Loved to see how everything I was doing was being actually used in the northeastern global campuses and that my supervisor taught me new software

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

The biggest lesson I learned during the co-op experience is to stay engaged by learning new skills through my work.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

"To take advantage of your time here and learn as much as you can."- Daniela





Aida Evans

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE CAMPUS PLANNING DEPARTMENT

I enjoy working in the campus planning department because I get to collaborate with a highly experienced team of amazing individuals. I get to learn a great deal about planning and the university while also honing my technical skills.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

The biggest lesson I've learned during this experience is that in the field of planning, everything takes time. That can sound like a detriment, but it is essential for diligent decision-making. And there is so much to learn about in planning, there are countless opportunities to utilize that downtime to develop!

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

Identify long-term projects early on; your supervisors are your biggest supporters and want to see you grow and succeed! Make connections! Attend as many department events as possible, because it provides opportunities to connect within PREF as well as with consultants and firms.

Department:
Planning, Real Estate and Facilities
Campus Planning & Design
(Boston and Global Network)

Title:
Campus Designer Co-op

Co-op from:
January 2023 to June 2023

School Information:
Northeastern University
Graduating Spring 2025
BS Environmental Science and Landscape
Architecture



Lionel Beane

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE CAMPUS PLANNING DEPARTMENT

I had a great time working on the various types of projects here. Every project was unique and required me to apply different skills. I was able to work on projects that sparked my interest while also learning new skills. It was exciting to see that the work I had completed was being used on Northeastern's global campuses.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

The most important lesson I learned was to never be afraid to ask for help. Sometimes you may be perplexed by a particular project, and it is comforting to know that there are people here who are eager to assist.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

Make the most of your time here by making connections and working on projects that you may not be familiar with. Because the team has so many different responsibilities and clients, you might end up working on something you really enjoy.

Department:

Planning, Real Estate and Facilities
Campus Planning & Design
(Boston and Global Network)

Title:

Campus Planning and Design Assistant

Co-op from:

January 2023 to May 2023

School Information:

Northeastern University
Graduating Spring 2023
BS Architecture and Graphic &
Information Design
Minor in Urban Landscape Studies



A photograph of two women working in an arboretum. In the foreground, a woman with long dark hair and glasses, wearing a red jacket over a grey sweater, is using red-handled pruning shears to trim a branch of a tree. In the background, another woman with long brown hair, wearing a purple long-sleeved shirt, is working near a large tree trunk. The scene is filled with various green plants and trees, suggesting a well-maintained garden or arboretum.

ARBORETUM

Click on each name to learn more
about their co-op experience:



Alegra Germain

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE ARBORETUM

Working at the Arboretum has given me such an interesting insight into plant curation, urban green spaces, and really everything that goes into the establishment and upkeep of an arboretum. I've learned more than I could have ever imagined, from countless botanical names of trees to the accreditation process of arboretums, which is something I value so much from my time at the NU Arboretum.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

Something this position taught me is the importance of maintaining a network within your field. During my co-op, we met countless people involved in Boston's green spaces, from the city itself to the Arnold Arboretum. Having these connections proved to be so helpful- we reached out to the people we met countless times, and having this network really just made the experience so much more in-depth and interesting.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

"Every day working at the Arboretum is different, and that's something that makes this co-op so fun and special. There are always new, exciting things happening and with such a small team you really get to be involved in everything. While this means there's often very little routine, having that flexibility and something new to look forward to every day is what makes it such a fun and valuable experience."- Alegra

Department:
Planning, Real Estate and Facilities
Arboretum

Title:
Arboretum Co-op

Co-op from:
July 2022 - December 2022

School Information:
Northeastern University
Graduating May 2024
Environmental and Sustainability Sciences
with a concentration in Conservation,
Restoration, and Management



Grace Arents

Department:
Planning, Real Estate and Facilities
Arboretum

Title:
Arboretum Co-op

Co-op from:
July 2022 - December 2022

School Information:
Northeastern University
Graduating May 2024
Environmental and Sustainability Sciences
with a concentration in Conservation,
Restoration, and Management

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE ARBORETUM

I love working for the Arboretum because it gave me an entirely new perspective of our campus. We got to take the time to slow down and experience the Arboretum instead of only seeing it in passing as we rush back and forth to classes. I also loved getting to know the other members of facilities, whether it be from occasionally working together, or at one of the PREF activities such as the annual pumpkin drop competition.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

One of the most valuable things I learned while working at the Arboretum was learning how important it is to work with people who support your ideas. We were encouraged to pursue any projects that interested us, which facilitated both learning and personal growth.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

"I would want to say that there is a learning curve to this job, and that is okay. There are a lot of moving parts, and many things take time or break. Be sure to take the independence that you have and think of it as a learning experience, and not as something that is scary. Solving problems on your own or with your co-worker is incredibly rewarding." - Grace



Indira Holdsworth

Department:

Planning, Real Estate and Facilities
Arboretum

Title:

Arboretum Co-op

Co-op from:

January 2022 - June 2022

School Information:

Northeastern University
Graduating Spring 2023
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology major in
the College of Science

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE ARBORETUM

It's really important for people to have access to green spaces. A lot of studies have linked trees and greenery to improvements in physical and mental health, and I think that the arboretum provides these services for the Northeastern Community. I love being able to contribute to this, and being able to enjoy the trees myself while I work.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

One of the first things I learned was the importance of considering both human and environmental needs when making decisions. A lot of our work on campus, and with the Mission Hill community has taught me that solutions to environmental problems are only helpful if they benefit the communities that rely on those resources as well.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

"Working at the arboretum requires a lot of collaboration. We are constantly bouncing ideas off of each other, asking for help with projects, and collaborating on solutions to problems we encounter. A lot of the work we do requires considering different perspectives and consulting outside resources, so it's really important that future co-ops use the resources available to them and ask for help when they need it."- Indira

WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?

Indira has been working part-time as an Arboretum Assistant.



Madison Rosen

Department:

Planning, Real Estate and Facilities
Arboretum

Title:

Arboretum Co-op

Co-op from:

January 2023 - June 2023

School Information:

Northeastern University
Graduating May 2025
Environmental and Sustainability Sciences
with a concentration in Conservation,
Restoration, and Management

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE ARBORETUM

This co-op is very flexible and can be whatever you make of it. I love to go outside and tag trees with Jonathan whenever the weather permits it, but there are plenty of opportunities to contribute to the Arboretum in other ways. Steve, our wonderful boss, gives us a lot of say in what we want to see in the Arboretum. For example, we get to pitch ideas for new features like rock gardens and pollinator gardens. He also takes us with him to nurseries to pick out new plants! I am getting exactly what I wanted to get out of this co-op; I have learned so much and have so much more to absorb from my time here!

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

I've learned a lot about the various considerations that go into choosing an Arboretum for a school in an urban area. We deal with a great deal of poor soil and problems like sudden steam line bursts, which may be quite harmful to the trees. I've now personally witnessed a lot of this during my time here. Due to our location and the area's history, there are numerous considerations to make when choosing what to plant. Most of the time when we put in new plantings, we expect to see some of them not make it due to the challenges the urban environment presents. One of the arboretum's goals is to increase biodiversity, and we try to do so by identifying plants that are specialized for our tough conditions, while also avoiding planting too many of the same species since they may have proven effective in the past.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

Take advantage of all learning opportunities! Every day, Steve, the prior co-ops, and the plants teach me so much. Don't be scared by unexpected challenges; instead, utilize them as an opportunity to brainstorm new solutions with the other co-op members. The arboretum is still in its early stages, and the work we do transfers over to the next phase of co-ops, so it's critical to look long-term when devising solutions and new ways of doing things.



Jonathan Bacdayan

Department:

Planning, Real Estate and Facilities
Arboretum

Title:

Arboretum Co-op

Co-op from:

January-July 2023

School Information:

Environmental Studies major, graduating
Spring 2024

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE ARBORETUM

There's a lot to love about working at the arboretum. No two days are exactly the same, and you have a lot of freedom in how you go about the work. It allows you to be outside most of the time, which is amazing. My very favorite part of the job was how it deepened and broadened my understanding and knowledge of plants- I feel like I see the world with new, more appreciative eyes.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

Especially at a large, complex institution like Northeastern, a lot goes in to any one decision. However, any individual's work can still make an impact, and that includes co-ops.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

Don't be afraid to ask questions! Most everyone you meet at the arboretum and staff at Northeastern, plus all of the other people in the field that you'll connect with, will have a lot of knowledge and experience that they're willing to share. Learning from and engaging with others is the best way to get the most out of your time here.



SIGN SHOP

Click on each name to learn more about
their co-op experience:

Cayla Nardiello



Cayla Nardiello

Department:
Sign Shop

Title:
Graphic Designer Co-op

Co-op from:
July 2022 - December 2022

School Information:
Northeastern University
Graduating 2023
Graphic Design

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE SIGN SHOP

I loved being a part of the inner workings of Northeastern and being taught the trade of the sign shop. It was really interesting to see how Northeastern makes their signs, and a great experience to be a part of that team who designed and put them together.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

I think the biggest lesson I imparted from my co-op experience was that there is so much about the design world that I don't know. I wasn't familiar with any of the practices in the Sign Shop before I worked there, and after being there for just a few months I became aware of just how much is out there.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

"That there is a large training period! It takes a while to familiarize yourself with all the equipment and what they can be used for, but Chrissy and the other staff are very helpful and willing to answer any questions, so don't feel pressured to know everything immediately."- Cayla



In House Design & Construction

Click on each name to learn more
about their co-op experience:



Andrea Gomes

Department:
In house Design & Construction

Title:
Design Assistant

Co-op from:
January 2022 - May 2022
& September 2022-May 2023

School Information:
College of Arts, Media & Design,
Northeastern University

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE IN HOUSE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

My exposure to working on-site and seeing the progress of the projects I worked on was intriguing!

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

Being an introvert, I learned the value of conversations and interactions with colleagues were.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

Enjoy yourself while you are here since it's a glimpse into the real corporate world!



Sophia Martin

Department:
In house Design & Construction

Title:
Design Assistant

Co-op from:
January to July 2023

School Information:
Design Major - College of Arts, Media &
Design, Northeastern University

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE IN HOUSE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Specifically, for myself, I really love the group that I am working with. I found very early on that everyone wants to help me grow and develop the skills that I would need for my future. Even though my group is mostly architects and my career goal is to become a product designer, they recognize this and give me the most fascinating and appropriate assignments for my skill set. As a result, I have learned two new software programs that I will definitely use while creating and prototyping new products.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

It takes iteration after iteration to get something workable. Whether it is a slideshow, CAD file, or spreadsheet, there will need to be able five separate emails back and forth to get to, not even the final product, but just something that could be considered good. I worked on one presentation over the course of about a month and it honestly at first glance it looks like someone could have created it in about an hour. But behind that presentation was hours of emailing, measuring, designing, and reiterating.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

Your group genuinely wants to see you develop. Since I have a distinct skill set than everyone else, it was challenging for my group to fully comprehend what I was capable of, but once they did, they collaborated with me to develop those abilities. Additionally, they will go above and above to assist and accommodate me if I ever have an issue with a project or my own personal health.



Marisoula Ramos Dawkins

Department:
In house Design & Construction

Title:
Design Assistant

Co-op from:
May 2022 – Present

School Information:
Boston Architectural College,
B. Arch, Expected graduation Spring 2027

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE IN HOUSE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Trying out new furniture! Additionally, The IHDC team is supportive of my professional and educational development. The team takes time out of their busy schedules to allow me to have a platform to showcase what I am doing for school and provide insightful feedback. They taught me the more technical aspects of the design field and allowed me to have a more independent role in designing. While providing feedback through the process. The IHDC is extremely supportive of all the Co-ops and has one of the best team dynamics I have seen.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

Always ask questions. That is a major part of the job, so there is no need to be afraid to ask for clarification on or more detail. Asking questions can save time for everyone working on the project.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

Enjoy the designing process. You are still learning, so try not to worry about things too much. It's acceptable to make errors. Everything will be alright if you continue to grow as a designer and learn from your errors.



Fanan Alshaiji

WHY I LOVED WORKING AT THE IN HOUSE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Working at the Planning, Real Estate, and Facilities helped me develop my design skills and explore parts of the architecture that I wasn't exposed to before. Working with a kind and supportive team meant that I felt comfortable asking for help and communicating with other teammates whenever I was having difficulties, which is crucial when you are starting out in a career to be able to learn and grow.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING THIS EXPERIENCE?

The most significant lesson that I learned was the value of teamwork and communication.

A MESSAGE TO FUTURE CO-OP'S:

Take advantage of the opportunity you are presented with. The people here would love to help you with your professional development, but if you keep your struggles to yourself, they wouldn't know how to help you! So open up, and don't be afraid to ask questions or communicate; this is how you learn and evolve!

Department:
In-house Design & Construction of
Planning, Real Estate, and Facilities

Title:
Design Assistant

Co-op from:
June 2022 - May 2023

School Information:
Boston Architectural College