



In House Design & Construction

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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 &
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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.

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!

Fanan Alshaiji

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

Title:

Design Assistant

Co-op from:

June 2022 - May 2023

School Information:

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