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EDUCATION

Virginia Tech — Bachelor of Architecture (BARCH) — 5 Year Program

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University — University GPA: 3.9 | Major GPA: 3.92

Expected Graduation: May 2019 — on track for *summa cum laude*

- 📍 **Architecture student with working experience in Germany and the United States.** Practical knowledge of architectural design, bidding, scheduling, construction supervision, construction drawing & spec reviews, data management, and more. Held numerous leadership positions within Boy Scouts, NJROTC, Church, and others.
- 📍 **Pursued both residential and commercial construction experiences** to better understand the industry's perception of architects, and to have a deeper understanding of the responsibilities (and limitations) of a designer.
- 📍 **Study abroad traveler, design-build team member, and community outreach affiliate.** Various experiences in pitching academic projects to local committees for consideration (one of which was publicized by the City of Roanoke). Strong proficiency in digital modeling, rendering, and sketching.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 📅 **2018 — Reinhard Koeferler (Germany)**
[Work experience for an architecture firm in Nuremberg, Germany. Handled the Schematic Design and Design Development phases for a house, personal art studio, and apartments. Attended site visits, communicated with owners, and conducted precedent research]
- ➔ **2017 — Eagle Commercial Construction**
[Handled project scheduling, material takeoffs, bidding, vendor data transfer, RFIs, and Construction Drawing/Spec. reviews (in addition to hands-on commercial construction experience)]
- ➔ **2016 — Eagle Residential Construction**
[Full summer of residential construction experience. Hands-on experience with and practical knowledge of Construction Supervision, Subcontractor & Vendor Communication, and Manual Labor]
- 📅 **2015 — SMBW Architects**
[Helped with projects such as: the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond, VA, the Chicago Architecture Biennial Lakeside Kiosk Competition, and the Oliver Hill Way Office Building & Parking Structure]
- 📅 **2012 - 2015 — Fin & Feather Pet Store**
[Communicated with distributors, became a seasoned customer service employee, and exercised problem-solving skills in almost every aspect of running the business]

ACHIEVEMENTS + AWARDS

- 🏆 **2018 — European Travel Exhibition**
[One of the lead designers of a lobby exhibition in Virginia Tech's Cowgill Hall that showcased our semester abroad]
- 🏅 **2018 — 4th Year Competition**
[Placed as a finalist in a competition prompt that was assigned to the fourth-year class within the Virginia Tech School of Architecture Major]
- 🏆 **2018 — SFCS Scholarship Award**
["A wonderful testimony of your creativity and reflects on your abilities to be a part of a select group of students that continue to excel" as stated in the Award Letter]
- 🏆 **2017 — Robert L. Turner Award**
[Granted to students who produce exceptional work. It is a scholarship intended to help students with travel abroad.]
- 🏅 **2016 — E.B.S. Competition**
[Honorable Mention in a daylighting technique competition in the Environmental Building Systems (E.B.S.) course at Virginia Tech]
- 🏆 **2014 — Eagle Scout**
[Highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America. The pursuit of this prestigious award demonstrates perseverance, discipline, leadership, communication, and logistical skills.]

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Proficient in:

-Revit [certified]

-AutoCAD [certified]

-SketchUp

-Photoshop

-Illustrator

-InDesign

-Adobe Muse

-V-Ray

-Rhino

-Mac OS

-Windows OS

-Microsoft Office