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Designer

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Education

Virginia Tech

Blacksburg, Virginia
August 2021 - May 2025

Major | B.S. Industrial Design

Minor | Engineering Science and Mechanics

GPA | 3.75/4

Offsite Design

Online
June 2021 - September 2021

Received a certification in real-world design skills from a three-month program led by industry professionals. Completed courses in rapid prototyping, sketching, color & form, and methodologies.

Experience

Smart Design

Industrial Design Intern

Brooklyn, New York
October 2025 - January 2026

In progress...

A2 Inc.

Contract Industrial Designer

August 2024 - August 2025

Industrial Design Intern

Scarsdale, New York
May 2024 - August 2024

Contributed to a diverse range of products, from pet toys to a beach chair, and developed a Python script to optimize plate cover designs for a collection of 400+ plates. Participated in the full product development lifecycle, including market research, concept brainstorming, and production. Collaborated with manufacturing teams to improve design efficiency and cost-effectiveness. Engaged in client meetings to present research findings, discuss ideas, and identify new opportunities.

BioDesign Research Group

Lead Research Assistant

Blacksburg, Virginia
August 2023 - May 2024

Awarded the Green Good Design Award. Collaborated with architects to showcase evaporative cooling with ceramic 3D printed columns as an eco-friendly alternative. Operated a ceramic 3D printer to realize design concepts. Crafted a project narrative, using storytelling to communicate goals and outcomes.

Hube Studio

Industrial Design Intern

Holon, Israel
May 2023 - July 2023

Developed brand experiences in corporate office spaces with a team of industrial designers, graphic designers, and fabricators. Designed, fabricated, and installed permanent 3D art, focusing on fabrication and installation methods. Advanced ideas and iterations based on client feedback and brand storytelling.

VT Materials & Design Lab

Shop Monitor

Blacksburg, Virginia
January 2023 - May 2023

Operated machinery for students, including the CNC, table saw, chop saw, and lathe. Maintained shop cleanliness and ensured safety of those in the lab.

Skills

Solidworks, Rhinoceros, Fusion 360, Keyshot, 3D Printing, Figma, Illustrator, Photoshop, Indesign

Recognition

2025 Green Good Design Award
2025 IDSA Student Merit Award Finalist
2024 OXO Sponsored Project Winner
2024 SystainFloyd Honorable Mention