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EDUCATION

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

MFA in Fashion, Body, and Garment (May 2022)

Honors: Recipient, 2022 Luminarts Cultural Foundation Fashion Fellowship Award, Swarovski Sponsorship, Grace/Walter Smith Grant and Award, Helen Frankenthaler Foundation Grant, SAIC Fashion Graduate Merit Award, Carol Becker Dean Merit Award; Exhibitions, Columbia College Chicago, "Hair and Nails", Kendall College of Art and Design, "My Dearest Friends Project"

Parsons School of Design, New York, NY

BFA in Fashion Design (May 2020)

GPA/Honors: 3.8/4.0; Top 10%; Recipient, Salvatore Ferragamo's Young Talents for Sustainable Thinking at Museo Salvatore Ferragamo in Florence, Italy, Babson Build program at Babson College, City of New York Materials for the Arts: 1st place; Finalist, Joe's Blackbook and CFDA scholarships; Exhibition, Undercurrent Projects, 2017; Feature; *BIAS Journal* 2017

EXPERIENCE

School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Fashion Technician (Sep. 2021 - May 2022)

Maintenance and repair of fashion equipment. Operation web checkout for tool rentals.

School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Teachers Assistant (Sep. 2020 - May 2021)

Guided and taught students with problem-solving tactics that facilitate creative growth and expand thought process. Assisted teachers in-person and on-line learning via Zoom.

Fashion Production Services/Philipp Plein, New York, NY

Dresser/Assistant (Feb. 2019)

Interned for NY Fashion Week. Organized looks, assisted alterations, fittings, designers, and stylists.

The New School, New York, NY

Orientation Leader (Aug. 2017 – Dec. 2018)

Facilitated group campus tours and promoted community bonds through events. Assisted with transition to college life. Observed behavior, offered constructive feedbacknown resolved conflicts. Planned and implemented classroom programs, attendance, and progress.

Raul Avila Inc, New York, NY

Set-up Assistant (May 2017)

Responsible for prominent set-up at the Met Gala.

MISCELLANEOUS

Languages: English (Native)

Volunteer Activity: Bucket Brigade and Marquette Catholic High School, Alton, Illinois (April 2016),

Riverbender Community Center, Alton, Illinois (May 2012 – Aug. 2017)