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objective

I am seeking an architectural intern position with a multidisciplinary firm where I can best utilize my modern design sense, BIM skills, and superior work ethic to assist senior architects and designers while gaining valuable professional experience and working towards completing my IDP requirements.

professional experience

DNK Architects, Cincinnati, OH

December 2011-September 2012

I worked as a contract architectural designer. I was brought on to bring a major civic works project from the design development phase through 100% construction drawings. My duties included assisting the project architect with solutions to design challenges, inputting design ideas into Revit, consultant coordination, communicating with engineers to ensure that all parties are aware of design changes and that everyone's work is consistent and up to date, and creating renderings for client meetings.

Schickel Design, Cincinnati, OH

July-December 2011

I performed as both a designer and bookkeeper for this small architectural firm. I utilized both my design skills and my small business experience. While creating the drawing set for a small chapel space, I simultaneously managed all of the accounts payable and receivables as well as coordinating with an accountant to ensure payroll and tax compliance.

Miami University, Oxford, OH

May-July 2010

I instructed the Summer 2010 Over-the-Rhine Design Build Studio. In this temporary position, I was tasked with teaching, guiding and supervising six architecture students through the process of conducting client interviews and presentations, architectural designs, permit drawings, contractor coordination, and the actual demolition and construction of space renovations in a low-income housing development.

App Architecture, Englewood, OH

May-August 2007

I worked as a summer intern assisting senior architects and designers in multiple areas of the architecture profession. I was involved in: feasibility studies, construction document creation, material sample acquisitions, presentation board development, site measurements, client meetings, construction meetings, contractor supervision, finish material selections.

Ohio Army National Guard, Piqua, OH

1992-Present

I am a Staff Sergeant and squad leader charged with the training, supervision and safety of 20 soldiers. As a member of the National Guard, I was deployed to Iraq in 2004-5 and to Afghanistan in 2012-13 with similar responsibilities. As a squad leader I am responsible for: soldier evaluations, operations planning, leading missions, training soldiers, caring for soldiers, and ensuring their readiness for other possible deployments.

All Pro Services, West Chester, OH

1997-2007

I was the owner/operator of this small commercial cleaning and maintenance company. The company focused on cleaning and maintenance contracts with office buildings and retail businesses. Being an owner/operator provided me with vital experience in all areas of running a small business. I managed: employee supervision, finances and payroll, new account development, quality control, insurance and tax compliance, and work plans to ensure maximum productivity.



education

Masters of Architecture, Miami University

May 2011

Graduated with a 3.8 GPA. My graduate thesis and design project focused on researching strategies to include low-income residents in the evolving community of OTR through new housing solutions.

Bachelor of Arts in Architecture, Miami University

May 2009

Graduated magna cum laude with studios focusing on housing, environmental sustainability, and working with institutional and nonprofit clients.

Associate of Applied Science in Interior Design, Sinclair Community College

May 2006

Graduated with a 3.8 GPA. Coursework focused on space planning and creation, design aesthetics, 2&3D design, hand drafting and rendering.

certifications

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skills

Revit • CAD • hand drafting • SketchUp • Adobe Creative Suite • Climate Consultant 4 • Visual Pro Lighting Software • Microsoft Office • mixed media rendering • marker rendering • physical model creation • energy efficiency evaluation techniques • conceptual thinking • strong work ethic • detail oriented • task driven teamwork • leadership • secret security clearance

service

Created schematic design for an OTRCH owned property to compete for renovation grants.
Assisted an Over-the-Rhine community organization with a campaign to save their swimming pool.
Developed graphic presentation boards for a day-laborer workers rights organization.
Created the design for and constructed a coffee bar for the nonprofit "Choices" café.
Member of the Northside Community Council.

awards

Golden Hammer award presented to Miami's Center for Community Engagement by Over-the-Rhine Community Housing in recognition of the design-build project I instructed during the summer of 2010.
Graduated magna cum laude from Miami University's bachelor of arts program.
Dean's list every term while enrolled in both Miami and Sinclair.
Multiple GPA based scholarships.
Multiple military awards and decorations.

references

Personal and professional references will be furnished upon request