Apparel Technical Designer, Patternmaker and Tailor

Education

Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) BFA in Fashion Design 2022 Minor in Menswear Dean's List 2018-2020

Savannah College of Art and Design || 2019 Study Abroad

Explored Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto, Kojima, and Shikoku Island, Tokushima, Japan, learning from masters in denim, indigo farming and dying, Awagami paper-making, and Tafu-ori (mulberry bark weaving) and visited fabric districts, vintage shops, the Fushimi Inari Shrine, Tafu-ori weavers in Kito, Buaisou Indigo Farm, the Awagami Factory, Collect Denim, Japan Blue, and 45RPM.

Experience

James Avery Craftsman, Inc. || 2020-2021

Seasonal Sales Associate

Assisted guests in finding the perfect holiday gift for themselves or a loved one and performed In-Store Service (cleaning, polishing, and soldering jewelry).

Chick-fil-A || 2017-2019

Team Member

Performed duties as a team member to Chick-fil-A's high standards of guest services (cash register, dining room, guest care and being the Chick-fil-A COW).

Volunteeer and Leadership

SCAD Orientation Assistent || 2019-2021

Assisted parents and students during orientation and co-instructed First Year Experience classes with that contributes to the success of students at SCAD.

SCAD Student Ambassador || 2019- 2020 Worked alongside the SCAD admissions staff positively promoting the college through interaction with prospective students as the face of the SCAD student body.

Attended LEAD Conference || 2020

Students participated in workshops, that taught professional skills such as interpersonal skills, communication skills, and explained qualities that make a successful leader in the professional world.

Interviewed by Voyage Savannah || 2022

Interviewed by a local magazine as a part of Savannah's Most Inspiring Stories.

https://voyagesavannah.com/interview/daily-inspiration-meet-jac-benford/

Projects

Pomegranate Magic --Senior Project || 2022 Pomegranate Magic is a collection illustrating a person's desire to embrace and fall in love with their full selves.

National Black Arts Festival Competition || 2022

Submitted the the National Black Arts Festival (NBAF) for Fine Art and Fashion sponsored by Neiman Marcus

Mr. Porter Mentorship || 2021

Submitted to the Mr. Porter Futures Designer Mentorship Programme

Urban Outfitters Internship || 2021

Submitted to the Urban Outfitters Internship Program

History of Fashion || 2020

The Met Project

Completed the Metropolitan Museum of Art's design competition organized by the Costume Institute inspired by the exhibiton About Time: Fashion and Duration.

Study Abroad Slideshow || 2019-2020 YouTube

Created videos of the photos taken during the trip to Japan and posted them to <u>Youtube</u>.

Skills

Technical Digital Patternmaking Patternmaking Machine and Hand Sewing Draping Tailoring Photography

Professional Public Speaking Customer and Guest Service Leadership Creative Thinking Teamwork Debate Organization Software Adobe Photoshop Adobe Lightroom Adobe Illustrator Adobe InDesign Adobe Acrobat CLO3D Procreate Microsoft Word Microsoft Powerpoint Microsoft Excel