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- STATEMENT** Creating the perfect garment for the right person is the greatest feeling in the world. Knowing that their day is brighter when the client looks in the mirror with their perfectly fitting clothing is why fashion is such a fulfilling career. From mixing different textures and patterns to coordinating the right silhouettes and colors is what makes me a unique designer. Changing people's lives through fashion is what influences me to gain knowledge, experience, and enjoyment in every aspect of the industry. I want to continue this journey throughout my life doing everything I can to make a statement in the fashion industry and give people the opportunity to express themselves through clothing and make them feel beautiful both inside and out.
- EDUCATION** **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fashion Design** **Bachelor of Science in Fashion Merchandising, Minor: Marketing**
Anticipated Graduation Date: June 2010 Graduation Date: May 2007, Dean's List Fall 2006
Illinois Institute of Art-Chicago, Chicago, IL *Missouri State University, Springfield, MO*
- INTERNSHIP** **Minx Parlor, Intern/Assistant Designer, Chicago, IL, May 2009 – Present**
- ❖ Created an showcased personal 7 piece marbled dress collection and presented a fashion and art exhibition
 - ❖ Assisted in creating the first Minx Parlor exclusive collection that was presented in front of The Apparel Industry Board
 - ❖ Worked on a collection called, "Gemini" for Conscious Living TV through designing, patternmaking, and constructing
 - ❖ Design clothing through inspiration, sketches, critical thinking, and team work
 - ❖ Implement designs by re-fashioning used or vintage clothing using draping, patternmaking, tailoring, and sewing skills
 - ❖ Create ideas to further the business: start a non-profit, design school, team up with emerging designers, and host events
 - ❖ Teach design classes to help clients re-vamp their existing wardrobes to promote an eco-friendly environment
- Dillard's, Intern/Assistant manager, St. Louis, MO, June 2005 - August 2005, June 2006 - August 2006**
- ❖ Supervised over 25 employees in day-to-day training such as sales skills and customer service to maintain our sales goal
 - ❖ Took care of all customer problems/complications throughout the store
 - ❖ Provided customers with excellent service while checking them out at the register
 - ❖ Responsible for closing procedures: counting cash, watching entrances, or shutting down computer system
 - ❖ Conducted Visual Merchandising and floor layouts in department
 - ❖ Met with buyers and special events coordinator to promote better sales strategies
 - ❖ Supervised and helped with markdowns throughout the store and prepared store to lead two successful inventories
 - ❖ Proficient with computer systems: making schedules, approving markdowns, and checking sales goals
 - ❖ Promoted to Manager for last 3 weeks of 2005 internship
- EXPERIENCE** **Gap, Sales Associate/Brand Associate, Chicago, IL, April 2008 – Aug 2009**
- ❖ Provided customers with excellent service by personal shopping, discussing promotions, and sales
 - ❖ Awarded for opening up the most Gap credit cards, worked on the registers, and handled cash on a daily basis
 - ❖ Recognized for being a hardworking, friendly, outgoing, and patient employee
 - ❖ Promoted the Brand by putting together outfits, visual displays, and floor layouts
- FKV Designs, Assistant designer, Chicago, IL, January 2009 – March 2009**
- ❖ Communicated with head designer to produce desired garments from a rough sketch
 - ❖ Produced patterns using methods such as grading, computer patternmaking, draping, and flat pattern
 - ❖ Cut and sewed garments using industry machines as well as hand stitching
 - ❖ Finalized all garments in a professional manner and distribute them on time
- Conway, Customer Service Representative, St. Louis, Mo, June 2007 - October 2007**
- ❖ Assisted Customers by phone on any problems, questions, or concerns they had
 - ❖ Proficient with computers billing system as well as locating shipping status's
 - ❖ Typed over 35 words per minute and became the fastest at composing bills after a few weeks
- Dillard's, Sales Associate, Fairview Heights, IL, December 2006 - January 2007**
- ❖ Exceeded sales goal on a daily basis and awarded with the leading sales in fragrance promotion
 - ❖ Provided customers with special promotions and gift wrapping
 - ❖ Executed visual merchandising on a daily basis
- SKILLS** Advanced in Illustrator, Photoshop, Gerber Accumark, and Microsoft Office, Intermediate in U4ia, InDesign, and Web PDM
- ACTIVITIES**
- ❖ Association of Clothing, Textiles, and Merchandising - 2004-2007, Member
 - ❖ Kansas City Fashion Career Day - 2004, Networked, Dallas Fashion Career Day - 2005-2006, Networked
 - ❖ Missouri State Fashion Show - 2005, Dresser, Fashion through 100 Years - 2005, Dresser
 - ❖ Project Runway Fashion Show - 2006, Model/Garment Committee Chair, Battlefield Mall Fashion Show - 2006, Manager
 - ❖ Missouri State University Fashion Show - 2007, Staging Committee
 - ❖ Light the Night Walk, Relay for Life - 2004-2006, Katrina Relief Trip - Habitat for Humanity - 2006, Presidential Service Award
 - ❖ Interconnected Installations - Art and Fashion Event hosted at Minx Parlor – 2009, Networked
 - ❖ The Little Things Jewelry Event – Non-Profit Organization that hosted event at Minx Parlor – 2009, Hosted
 - ❖ DRAFTFCB Event – 2009, Presented and Recruited Potential Clients for Minx Parlor
 - ❖ Chicago Eco-Fashion Café Event – 2009, Networked