

JUSTIN RICHARDS

Architectural Designer & Freelance Graphic Designer



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Profile:

After two years in the field, I am looking to continue my architectural career in a new setting. My current career goals are to progress through the Architectural Experience Program and eventually take the Architect Registration Examination, and more recently I have become interested in acquiring CDT certification. I am looking to continue my career with a team that will allow me to continue developing as a professional while making meaningful contributions to project success. I believe my meticulousness and dedication to giving every project the attention it deserves can make me a productive part of any team.

Honors and Awards:

Dean's List (8/8 Semesters)

Academic Excellence High Honor Roll Award (4/4 Years)

Chemistry Achievement Award

NASA Finalist in Design and Prototyping Award (NASA HUNCH PROGRAM)

Fall 2019 – Spring 2023

2016 - 2019

June 2018

May 2018

Education:

Alfred State College of Technology

Alfred, NY, August 2019 – May 2023

Graduated Magna Cum Laude, GPA: 3.77

Bachelor of Science in Architectural Technology (B.S.A.T.)

Minors in Graphic Design and History

My time studying at Alfred State provided me with a deep knowledge of Revit and related technical programs, as well as a strong foundation of building and codes knowledge that I will carry with me and expand upon with every new project.

Fairport High School

Fairport, NY, September 2015 – June 2019

Graduated with Cumulative Average: 95.51%

Mastery in Mathematics and Science

High School elective courses such as architecture, CAD, and graphic design laid crucial foundations for skills that I would build upon during my time studying at Alfred State.

Skills:

Autodesk Revit



I have been practicing and growing my knowledge of Revit since it was first introduced to me in spring of 2020. Every project I have worked on since then has been in Revit, giving me plenty of time to learn and pick up more useful program knowledge.

Autodesk AutoCAD



After going from zero experience with AutoCAD to using every day for the last two years in a professional setting, I am pleased with the proficiency I have built up in this previously unfamiliar software. I am eager to continue exploring this software.

Chaos Enscape



Prior to my summer internship with NEW, I preferred Revit's built in rendering engine, however after experiencing the ease of the Enscape workflow and quality of its output, I have been using it and learning more about it ever since.

Adobe Photoshop



I picked up Photoshop in 2016 after outgrowing Paint.NET as my program of choice. At first I taught myself how to use the program using YouTube tutorials, though I eventually formalized my knowledge of the program in high school and college courses.

Microsoft Office Suite



After two years of experience in a professional setting I have been able to familiarize myself with PowerPoint, Word, Excel, OneNote, OneDrive, Outlook, and Teams. OneNote has become an essential piece of my daily workflow.

Adobe Illustrator



I first started using Illustrator in a high school graphic design course in 2019. While I prefer Photoshop for most projects, I know when it's time to employ Illustrator's superior vector processing, especially when it comes to architectural diagramming.

Experience:

Project Designer

APD | July 2024 - Present

My time with APD provided me with experience at many different levels of the typical project process. As a result of quick project turnaround time, I was able to see multiple projects through from conception to construction.

- Most of my time was dedicated to drafting and annotating full sets of construction drawings for commercial projects.
- I gained valuable experience coordinating with all disciplines of engineers on retrofit projects and new construction.
- I was trained to submit projects at all stages, whether that be directly to the client for periodical reviews, to the AHJ for permitting, or to the contractors for bidding and construction.
- I honed my reviewing abilities on many occasions, both on my own work and that of my peers.

Architectural Intern

New Energy Works Timberframers | June 2022 - August 2022

While I was with New Energy Works I was given the opportunity to put into practice some of the skills I had practiced during my first three semesters at Alfred State, and pick up new skills to carry through my last year of school.

- A majority of my time was spent transitioning schematic design drawings to construction drawings for residential projects.
- I was given the opportunity to create a Revit family based on the available specifications of a proprietary fireplace.
- I gained experience working on takeoffs for projects across the country and dealing with their varying building and zoning codes.

Freelance Graphic Designer

Voyagr GFX | February 2017 - Present

Ever since I started playing around with Paint.NET and Photoshop, I've been designing for myself and others. I started by working for friends who were game developers and eventually moved on to taking on odd jobs that came my way.

- Since 2017 I have been designing a collection of nearly 500 desktop wallpapers for myself. My focus in the last few years has been on learning how to add motion to those projects as animated wallpapers.