

Karen Choi

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Education

Staten Island Technical High School - Staten Island, NY

CLASS OF JUNE 2021

Experience

American & International Designs - Interior Design Assistant- Staten Island, NY

APRIL 2020 - PRESENT

- Contribute to 215 Hart Blvd., St. George Theatre (pro bono) & personal home renovations under Susan Arann
- Compile mood boards, photoshop rendering, recoloring, retouching, make presentations, draw AutoCAD floor plans, build Revit models
- Communicate with clients, aid in presenting multiple versions of renovation ideas and concepts via Zoom
- Assist in managing social media outreach, network with furniture vendors and 3D modeling services for quotes
- Develop and consistently update new website, and manage hosting and domain provider

Designers Edge - Intern - Staten Island, NY

NOVEMBER 2019 - MARCH 2020

- Created 3-D parametric Revit families of furniture given 2-D spec sheets

Stantec Architecture & Engineering - Intern - Manhattan, NY

JULY 2019 - AUGUST 2019

- Created photo location plans, updated existing reference floor plan drawings for P.S.136 and M641 school renovation, assembled draft scope reports, site assessment reports, and submittals; helped print & scan documents
- Attended weekly workshops for career planning, business etiquette and communication
- Visited active School Construction Authority construction sites to visualize and better understand the building process

Muralist - Staten Island, NY

JULY 2018 - PRESENT

- Collaborating with NYC Cypher Mural Arts to design a mural addressing contemporary concerns in our delicate social climate
- Conceptualized and painted 2 murals for the United Activities Unlimited Castleton office addressing social justice, diversity, inclusivity, unity and equity while focusing on self exploration and navigation
- Collaborated, designed, painted a mural highlighting the elements of stress and de-stress, identifying stress factors of school and remedies

Extracurriculars

Detester Magazine - Design Director

MAY 2020 - PRESENT

- Illustrate and publish children's picture book about accepting culture to increase BIPOC representation in youth literature
- Create illustrations & graphics amplifying socio-political issues and schedule posts for Instagram reaching ~500,000 people/week
- Curated an in-depth toolkit about sexual violence, consent, prevention strategies and resources; distributed to schools across the nation
- Edit/approve graphic designs, design & code website; manage publications and projects update
- Researched and managed design and financial aspects for button fundraiser advocating environmental justice

Web Developer

MARCH 2020 - PRESENT

- Volunteered to rebuild/update websites for 3 local small businesses during COVID-19 pandemic to improve their online presence
- Teach businesses how to continuously manage site (analytics, content update)

Staten Island Solar Car Team

NOVEMBER 2019 - PRESENT

- Update electrical connections, research car parts, begin constructing second solar car, design team logo

Mural Committee

OCTOBER 2017 - PRESENT

- Artwork featured at the 2019 & 2020 S.I. Borough Arts Festival at Snug Harbor, painted a creative arts mural at the auditorium entrance

MSIT Cross Country, Varsity Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Team - Co-Captain

AUGUST 2017 - PRESENT

- Lead running group & core workouts, organize team bonding events, car wash fundraisers
- Volunteer at road races, track events, help coordinate fun athletic activities for the Hungerford School for the disabled

Awards & Honors

National Honor Society Historian

2020

ACTR National Russian Essay Contest - Gold Medalist

2018, 2019

ACTR National Olympiada of Spoken Russian - Gold Medalist

2018

Pratt Industries Competition: Reimagining Through Recycling - 2nd Place

JUNE 2018

- Collaborated with a team to develop an original 3-D art piece consisting of recycled materials to raise awareness on contemporary environmental concerns including global warming and pollution, and promoting the use of renewable energy

Skills & Certifications

Autodesk Revit Certified - Certification: 5WXN-4TxB

OSHA 10-Hour Certified

Autodesk AutoCAD Certified - Certification: wbaQJ-FMFS

Languages: HTML, CSS, JavaScript

Autodesk Inventor Certified - Certification: x7Sc-s27v

Adobe: Photoshop, Premiere Pro, Illustrator, Lightroom, InDesign

Autodesk Fusion 360 Certified - Certification: UvnB-sFGw

Microsoft Office Suite: Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher