



Gayla Blake

I am a dedicated and passionate professional with a strong ability to creatively solve problems. As a charismatic and responsible designer, I thrive in collaborative environments and am committed to fostering teamwork. I have a keen interest in continuous learning and exploring innovative ideas. Additionally, I quickly adapt to new software and platforms and prioritize effective communication, always approaching challenges with a positive attitude.

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My top 5 Gallup®
CliftonStrengths

1. Restorative
2. Positivity
3. Woo
4. Responsibility
5. Communication

Education

The College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI

Bachelor of Arts: Interior Design | Minor: Business | Fall 2016- Spring 2021

The College for Creative Studies (CCS) is one of the best designs schools in the world. Its rigorous curriculum helps students develop as well-rounded creatives and develop a strong work ethic and leadership skills.

3M™ Detroit Spaces | Collaborative Sponsored Project | Fall 2020

We were tasked by 3M™ to explore the future of commercial spaces using research and trends to guide our team in designing a space with potential for a positive impact on Detroit.

Quicken Loans® and Detroit Public Library | Sponsored Project | 2018

Worked with architects to design and specify an inviting space that can hold various programming, following codes and standards such as ADA compliances.

Technical Skills

Graphics- Hand Drafting, Sketching, Autodesk AutoCad, Adobe Creative Cloud Suite, 3D Modeling- SketchUp Pro, Autodesk Revit, VRay, Enscape, 2020, Configura CET
Platforms- Windows & OSX Operating Systems, Microsoft Office Suite, Google Drive/ Docs Other- Basic Web Development, Model Building, Staging, Planning, Budgeting

Work Experience

Interior Designer | Rightsize Facility | Since 2022

Design commercial spaces utilizing CET and AutoCAD for space planning, installation packs, and visualization. Develop budgets for clients using 2020 Worksheet, creating detailed furniture proposals with finish selections and product recommendations for approval.

Manage quotes, release purchase orders, and verify acknowledgments to ensure successful project execution.

Participate in client meetings to understand design needs and propose design solutions.

Promotional Model/ Ambassador | DBC America | Part-time | Since 2021

Represent various brands at events, engaging with clients and gathering valuable customer feedback.

Showcase and sell products to enhance user experience and provide customer support to address client inquiries.

Engagement Manager | Student Affairs Student Activities | 2017- 2021

Led the planning, organization, and execution of events and activities for students, ensuring smooth operations and positive experiences for all participants.

Coordinated large-scale events, managing high-complexity logistics.

Used design background to create marketing and design event spaces.

Graphic Designer | Raffles | Virtual Internship | Since 2020

Participate remotely in meetings to ideate and design graphic and advertisement campaigns for a UK-based firms' competition app.

Creative Interiors, Mt. Pleasant, MI | Internship | Summer 2019

Contributed to a full-service commercial and residential design firm by creating room layouts in CAD, producing full renderings in SketchUp, and preparing client quotes.

Assisted with staging rooms and specifying materials and furniture selections.

Teacher Assistant | National Conference of Artist | Summer (2015, 2016)

Supported the planning, setup, and execution of projects, helping students aged 11-18 develop their art skills.

Assisted in organizing student exhibitions and received a Leadership Award from the National Conference of Artists (Detroit Chapter).

Other Leaderships & Volunteering

MASC MAHS Michigan Leadership | Leadership | 2012-2016

Moses Field Center | Volunteering | Summer 2013, 2014

Keep Growing Detroit | Volunteering | 2017-2020

We the People of Detroit: Water Justice | Leadership | Fall 2020 - Winter 2021

NCA Detroit | Volunteering/ Leadership | Since 2015

Focus Hope | Volunteering | Annually Since 2022