

Since graduating from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture in 2009, I have been able to take the time to explore other industries. The time spent working outside of my focused field of study has allowed me to enhance talents and hone skills beyond what I could be taught through a rewarding, but intense and fast paced curriculum. Post graduation, I began several new ventures to continue my education and expand my spectrum of knowledge. Volunteering in the Community Garden Center at Columbus' Franklin Park Conservatory was one of my first and favorite experiences. In my second year after graduating, I completed programs with the local community college for Sustainable Building Certification and Project Management Team Certification. Beginning in the fall of 2011 and through the summer of 2012, I participated in a subcommittee for neighborhood development with Partners Achieving Community Transformation. Our subcommittee helped bring to fruition a 'Blueprint' of design, before the lead Design firm was selected, for the re-development of Columbus' Near East Side.

For the last couple of years, I have worked in a field far from the world of design. Initially, I had hesitation at joining a corporate environment so far from my original college aspirations. I quickly decided to not let the confines of my cubicle limit my potential for growth and professional evolution, within the first year I was training new associates and creating job aids. This current position has allowed me to attain the satisfaction that comes from learning a subject to an expert level and then being able to share that knowledge. Besides just providing great service or guaranteeing accuracy on an individual level, I contribute by coaching colleagues through detailed complex procedures to ensure quality as much as possible across the whole team which helps build a stronger unit.

While the professional dreams formed as a college student have not quite come to pass, one must keep in mind that dreams are always changing in order to move forward and adapt to the realities of an ever evolving environment. Through the ebb and flow of professional prospects, I remain constant in my desire to work towards a position that offers challenging opportunities to learn and improve talents within the realm of Landscape Architecture. I have come to recognize that for me, it is the continuous endeavor to expand knowledge, broaden talents, and grow expertise that drives me forward in life.