James McKenzie

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Education

University of Cincinnati (DAAP) | Cincinnati, OH College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning Bachelor's of Science in Industrial Design - Class of 2024 GPA: 3.8 | DAAP Dean's List

Experience

Milwaukee Tool | Brookfield, WI

Industrial Design Co-op | September - December 2023

Worked with a small team of industrial designers on the electrical and plumbing spaces. Responsibilities included sketching, CAD modeling and renders in KeyShot. Led a personal project on the topic of AR and UI/UX innovations for the future.

Generac | Waukesha, WI

Industrial Design Co-op | January - April 2023

Collaborated with a small team of industrial designers on a wide range of products across energy, chore, and industrial spaces. Assisted team members by providing sketches, CAD generation, and 3D visualization in KeyShot.

5.11 Tactical | Irvine, CA

Industrial Design Co-op | May - August 2022

Contributed to product development efforts for the 5.11 brand. Provided prototypes, sketches, and product brand strategy with lead developer and designers. Researched with a focus on style to inform designs and trends.

Alternative Co-op Experience

Industrial Design Co-op | August - September 2021 | Cincinnati, OH

Worked on a variety of design topics including upskilling in Blender, Fusion 360, KeyShot, Adobe creative cloud, and Figma. Worked on passion projects to apply learned skills. Included sketching, prototyping, wireframing, and visualization.

Industrial Design Co-op | January - April 2021 | Chicago, IL

Industrial design upskilling and hands-on shoemaking at the Chicago School of Shoemaking, providing practical experience and skill development in design principles, tools, and techniques. Worked on a variety of product design skills.

Skills

Digital – Fusion 360, Solidworks, KeyShot, Blender, Cinema4D, Octane, Redshift, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Microsoft Suite, Figma, Miro, Mixamo, Procreate

Analog - Sketching, Rendering, User Journeys, Prototyping, Product Strategy, 3D Printing, Researching, Task Flows, System Mapping, Visual Presentation

Awards and Activities

University of Cincinnati

Darwin T. Turner Scholarship, Thomas W. Mangold Scholarship, Cincinnatus Scholarship, Buxbaum Workum Scholarship

Mentors and Muses | January 2022 - Present

Provided mentorship for underclassmen in the Industrial Design Program. Focused on development of core skills, portfolio feedback, and co-op guidance