

Interior Design Graduate Testimonials

“Being a part of the Interior Design program at the University of Akron helped me to grow as a person as well as a student. As a non-traditional student going to college was a bit daunting yet the instructors and staff showed support at every turn. They gave help and advice when needed yet gave me the space to find things out for myself. I was encouraged to participate in professional interior design organizations, introducing me not only to professional interior designers, but people who eventually became dear friends. The program offered trips abroad which enriched and enlightened my undergraduate experience, helping me to think globally and appreciate the rich cultures found throughout the world. Throughout the coursework the instructors emphasized green design, influencing how I think about sustainability as a whole. My time as an undergraduate encouraged me to branch out and explore the University of Akron’s School of Family and Consumer Sciences’ Clothing, Textiles, and Interior Design Program with a certification in environmental science. My experience in the program opened doors of opportunity and offered new ways of thinking, giving a new dimension to my life that I never thought possible.”

Suzanne Kroll, Interior Design Graduate 2012

Attending Graduate School, The University of Akron, Family and Consumer Sciences

“The small class sizes allowed me to build relationships with my professors and my fellow students that were very similar to a typical design career environment. The class sequencing was organized in an appropriate and understandable way for a student transferring into the program.”

Jillian Gerbasi, Interior Design Graduate 2011.

Store Planning Coordinator, Jo-Ann Fabric and Crafts Stores, Inc., Hudson, OH

“Great program that provides you with the support, resources, and information to create a strong foundation in the design industry.”

Stephanie Black, Interior Design Graduate 2010

Lighting Design and Sales, Sommer Electric Corp, Canton, OH

“The design program at the University of Akron provides a well-rounded education. The program is accredited, and the opportunity to succeed in this environment is tremendous due to the balance of professor support and personal drive.”

Laura Wack, Interior Design Graduate 2010

architectural Designer, Diebold Incorporated, North Canton, OH

“This was a great program. The knowledge we gained as design students from a CIDA accredited program helped me land an internship with a prominent firm in Akron. The on the job experience from the internship helped me gain my employment currently.”

Kayla Ciraco, Interior Design Graduate 2010

Internship at Schumacher Design, Akron, OH