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OBJECTIVE

American by birth, Colombian at heart. I've had the unique opportunity of traveling around the world and living in different countries absorbing and getting the best out of many different cultures, languages and lifestyles along the way. I think that design helps people reflect or enhance their personality, and I as far as I can recall, I've always had a passion to help people express themselves, especially through design. Which is why I decided to pursue a degree in product design in Milan, Italy, the capital of fashion. This opened doors and gave me the unique opportunity to collaborate with companies such as Phillips, Samsung, Swarovski and many more. Each milestone in this amazing journey throughout design has challenged me to push beyond limits and has turned me into the designer that I am today. I seek internships and jobs to gain more experience, grow as a designer and as a person and unique networking opportunities.

EDUCATION

BOSTON ARCHITECTURAL COLLEGE Candidate for Advanced Rendering Certificate	Boston, MA 2013-2014
ISTITUTO EUROPEO DI DESIGN MILANO Majored in Product Design program GPA 88/100. Participated in the Samsung design contest.	Milan, Italy 2010-2013
CENTRE UNIVERSITAIRE D'ETUDES FRANCAISES French language and cultural studies program. DELFL (Diplôme d'études en langue Française) Exam certificate	Grenoble, France 2009-2010
THE COLUMBUS SCHOOL High School Diploma and Bachillerato Colombiano Honor Roll	Medellin, Colombia 1995-2009

WORK EXPERIENCE

SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS (COLLABORATION) <i>Designer/Product developer</i> -Effectively researched on innovative styles of lighting, ambiance, materials, and products and their effects on people in order to create a revolutionary system of lighting for the company. -Developed the concept and design of a lighting system marketing high-end restaurants with tight deadlines and working with budgets. -Produced a fully functional and operational final product prototype. -Successfully managed to work with a multicultural team from the origin to the final product -Created a showroom to exhibit the final product to the company and others related with the industry.	Milan, Italy 2012-2013
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SKILLS

Languages: Fluent in English, Spanish and Italian - conversational French

Software: Proficient in MS Office Suite, Adobe Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign), AutoCAD, Rhinoceros, 3ds Max, Google Sketchup, SketchBook Designer and Social Media.

Interests: Furniture Design, Arts and Crafts, Sketching, and Travelling.

PORTFOLIO

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