



RAQUEL KRANIAK

Aspiring architect passionate about sustainable design that prioritizes community and environmental needs over profit. Recognized for academic excellence, leadership, and creative problem-solving, Raquel combines design thinking with a deep commitment to sustainability and collaboration. Currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Architecture at the University of Michigan's Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.

EDUCATION

Royal Oak High School

Sept. 2020 – May 2024

- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, Salutatorian, Summa Cum Laude Honors
- Class Treasurer, Student Council, National Honor Society, Varsity Soccer, Golf Captain, Track & Field, Special Olympics Unified Sports Volunteer

University of Michigan - Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning

Expected Graduation: May 2028

- Bachelor of Science in Architecture
- Study Abroad: Rome, Italy – May 2025
- Member, Alpha Rho Chi Professional Architecture Fraternity

WORK & LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Study Abroad - Architecture Course

Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning, University of Michigan
Rome, Italy | May 2025

- Immersive study of historic and contemporary urban design, emphasizing sustainable approaches to adaptive reuse.
- Conducted on-site sketching and spatial analysis of classical and modern architectural works.
- Strengthened understanding of architectural history, proportion, and cultural context through experiential learning.

Creative Team Member - Sustainable Product and Clothing Design

VIP's Fund | Sept. 2025 – Present

- Collaborate on eco-conscious fashion and product design projects using upcycled and biodegradable materials.
- Support creative direction, visual identity, and fabrication for fundraising initiatives.
- Develop skills in material research, creative collaboration, and sustainable design practices.

Member - Alpha Rho Chi

Professional Architecture Fraternity, University of Michigan | Jan. 2025 – Present

- Participate in professional development events, portfolio reviews, and networking with architecture alumni.
- Contribute to community service and design-build initiatives supporting local causes.
- Build leadership, teamwork, and design presentation skills in a collaborative environment.

Public Works- Seasonal Laborer

Bloomfield Township, MI | June 2024 – Sept. 2025



- Assisted with maintenance and improvement of public spaces, including landscaping and infrastructure repair.
- Gained hands-on experience with site planning, environmental systems, and municipal project workflows.
- Applied practical problem-solving in diverse weather and team conditions.

Hostess

Three Cats Café | Clawson, MI | June 2023 – Sept. 2023

- Managed guest flow, reservations, and customer service in a high-volume restaurant.
- Cultivated strong communication, hospitality, and organizational skills.
- Supported event coordination and brand presentation in a design-focused setting.

CONTACT

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SKILLS

- **Design & Technical Tools:** Rhinoceros (Rhino), Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign
- **Fabrication & Craft:** Zünd Digital Cutter Operation, Plaster Casting, Model Building
- **Creative Competencies:** Concept Development, Sustainable Design, Community Engagement
- **Professional Skills:** Customer Service, Teamwork, Problem Solving, Communication