

RAQUEL KRANIAK

Architecture student at the University of Michigan’s Taubman College pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Architecture. Interested in sustainable, community-centered design that balances environmental responsibility, technical rigor, and long-term social impact. Recognized for academic excellence, leadership, and disciplined problem-solving across design, fabrication, and public-sector work environments.

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EDUCATION

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

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

EXPERIENCE

Study Abroad - Architecture Studio

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

- Conducted on-site sketching and spatial analysis of historic and contemporary architecture to strengthen contextual design thinking.
- Examined adaptive reuse strategies and sustainable urban interventions within dense historical environments.
- Developed a deeper understanding of proportion, materiality, and cultural context through immersive field research.

BS Arch Foundational Studio Modules

Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning | January 2025 – Present

- Completed six studio modules exploring the design lifecycle through a wide range of mediums.
- Produced scaled, architectural drawings, physical models, renders, and digital visualizations using Rhino and Adobe Creative Suite.
- Collaborated on presentations, participated in formal critiques, and iteratively developed projects to meet defined design objectives.

APX Project Team

Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning | January 2026 – Present

- Developed conceptual and schematic design proposals of a home addition for an APX affiliated client, integrating site analysis and the clients desires.
- Worked with a partner to develop a 3D model and digital visualizations of our proposed addition using Rhino, Twin Motion and Adobe software.
- Curated a project presentation for the client to review.

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 concept development, fabrication, and visual identity for mission-driven fundraising projects.
- Conduct material research and prototype development emphasizing sustainability and lifecycle awareness.

Social Chair- Alpha Rho Chi

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

- Organize professional development events, portfolio reviews, and alumni networking opportunities.
- Support community service and design-build initiatives.
- Develop collaborative leadership and presentation skills within a team-based design culture.

Public Works- Seasonal Laborer

Bloomfield Township, MI | June 2024 – Sept. 2025

- Supported maintenance and infrastructure improvement projects across municipal sites, including landscaping and public space upgrades.
- Gained hands-on exposure to environmental systems, site operations, and public-sector project workflows.
- Applied practical problem-solving skills in team-based, physically demanding environments.

Hostess

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

- Managed guest experience, reservations and event planning in a high-volume restaurant.
- Strengthened communication, coordination, and organizational skills in a fast-paced environment.

SKILLS

- **Design & Technical Tools:**
Rhinoceros (Rhino),
Autodesk Revit,
Twinmotion, Adobe
Illustrator, Adobe
Photoshop, Adobe
InDesign, Microsoft Office
- **Fabrication & Craft:**
Zünd Digital Cutter
Operation, Plaster Casting,
Model Building,
Architectural Hand
Drawing, Woodworking,
Machine Sewing
- **Design Approach:**
Concept Development,
Sustainable Design,
Community Engagement