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EDUCATION

Columbia University GSAPP | Introduction to Architecture

August 2026

New York | Summer Design Studio

- Completed 5 weeks intensive architecture program, digital communication, presentation and iterative critique

University of San Francisco (USFCA)

May 2026

San Francisco | Bachelor of Science in Economics (Overall GPA: 3.41)

- Relevant course work: Econometrics, International Project Design Studio (ARCH 340), Architecture History (ARCH 101)

International School of Ho Chi Minh City

May 2022

Ho Chi Minh | International Baccalaureate Diploma

- Relevant course work: Higher Level Design Technology, Higher Level Visual Arts
- Design Studio Award

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Gatehouse Garden

New York

August 2026

- Conducted site and user research, analyzing flow and circulation, spatial relationships, landscape and existing ecological systems.
- Developed and iterated physical models through hands-on testing to evaluate form, scale, movement, and spatial experience.
- Designed and prototyped a wearable garment exploring restraint, movement, and the relationship between the human body and space.

Micro Greens Indoor Technology Center

February 2026

Sihanoukville, Cambodia

- Designed a 25,000 sq ft 3-story facility indoor entertainment center, combining educational, commercial functions
- Developed architectural concepts responding to cultural, climate, and coastal site context of Cambodia
- Developed floor plan layout for classrooms, laboratories, commercial farming facilities, and rooftop public spaces
- Explored sustainable design strategies and emerging agricultural technologies for large-scale micro-green production

Home More project

January 2026

Yerka, California

- Designed a small-scale residential village concept for a nonprofit housing initiative addressing homelessness issues
- Conducted site analysis and zoning research for two RPO parcels to determine unit density and spatial organization
- Researched demographics and precedents on co-housing strategies to support community-oriented design

Ujamaa Farm Expansion

January 2026

Woodland, California

- Conducted site analysis and reviewed previous designs plan to inform the organic farm expansion in detailed
- Reviewed irrigation, housing, livestock, agriculture waste and operations to guide final construction plan
- Collaborated with community partners to align design recommendations with operational needs, sustainability goals, and educational programming for farmers

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

AIAS USF Home tour

September 2025 – October 2025

General Member

- Assisted in coordinating home tour operations for 30+ participants, ensuring visitor circulation and event experience
- Observed and discussed architectural elements with designers and visitors including layout, materiality, natural lighting
- Supported event planning and on-site organization, managing sign ins and responding to on-site issues

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Thien Tam Charity

August 2018 - August 2022

Founder & Chief Executive Officer

- Leading operations providing education, healthcare, and necessities to 200+ underprivileged children in Vietnam
- Raised over \$2000 in first 6 months of operations, and \$5000 in first year under the difficulties of pandemic period
- Partnered with local hospitals to distribute 200+ boxes of food and essential supplies to low-income households

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Technical skills: Rhino, AutoCAD, SketchUp
- Graphic skills: Photoshop, Illustrator, Excel, PowerPoint
- Design Methods: User-needs research, human centered design, rapid prototyping, physical model making
- Language proficiency: English, Vietnamese | Interest: Fashion, Photography, Traveling, Exploring Cafes, Cooking