

KARENA HEITZMAN

B.ARCH

Architectural Designer

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Architecture | Auburn University | Auburn, AL 2018-2023
Cum Laude

EXPERIENCE

BRPH | Architectural Designer | Orlando, FL 2023-present

Contribute to architectural design and development for the entertainment, zoo & aquarium and hospitality industries.

IAAPA | Show Ambassador | Orlando, FL 2022-present

Selected as a show ambassador for the 2022 & 2023 IAAPA expos in Orlando and served as a senior show ambassador in 2024; the global attractions industry's premier event.

BRPH | Architectural Intern | Huntsville, AL 2022-2023

Collaborate and assist the architecture team as well as the Huntsville and Orlando office locations.

Universal Creative | Intern | Orlando, FL Summer 2022

Facility Design Management Intern on a new major theme park in the United States.

NASA | Intern | Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL Summer 2021

Worked on design of a 3D printed lunar habitat on the south pole of the moon using in situ resource utilization.

Auburn University CADC | Student Worker | Auburn, AL 2020-2023

College of Architecture, Design, and Construction student affairs and recruitment office.

Auburn Youth Programs | Camp Counselor | Auburn, AL 2020-2021

Counselor and teaching assistant for the Auburn University virtual architecture camp experience.

INVOLVEMENT

IAAPA | The Global Association for the Attractions Industry 2019-present

TEA | Themed Entertainment Association 2018-present

Speaker | "War Eagle World" at Auburn University 2024

Mentor | "Innovation Academy" at UCF 2024

Theme Park Engineering & Design | Auburn University 2018-2023

President (2022-2023), Vice President (2021-2022), Secretary (2020-2021), Social Media Chair (2019-2020)

CADC Ambassador | Auburn University 2019-2023

President (2022-2023), Vice President of External Affairs (2021-2022)

Educational Assistant | OWA Parks & Resort | Foley, AL 2019

COMPETITION

**Auburn University
Architecture Writing Award**

2nd place | Architecture Thesis Essay
"Narrative Placemaking, The Art of
Themed Entertainment Architecture: Its
Influences, Critique, and Significance"

**Ryerson Invitational Thrill Design
Competition: Capacity Development
Edition | 2021**

Selected as one of top five teams to
present to a jury including professionals
from Universal Creative, Universal
Hollywood, and Dynamic Attractions.

**Ryerson Invitational Thrill Design
Competition | Orlando, FL | 2019**

Sponsored by Universal Creative
3rd place | Attraction Design
3rd place | Land Strategic Planning + Design

HONORS

**William T. Warren and William T.
Warren Jr. endowed scholarship | 2021**
Auburn University CADC

**Spirit of Auburn University
scholarship | 2018-present**
Merit scholarship

SKILLS

Digital

Autocad
Revit
Rhino 3D
Bluebeam Revu
Autodesk BIM 360
Adobe InDesign
Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Illustrator
Microsoft Office Suite
3D Laser Scanning

Analog

drafting
modeling
sketching
rendering
photography
- digital
- film

REFERENCES

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CADC Ambassadors Sponsor
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