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EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Jenny Alvarez Intern Architect



Jenny Alvarez is an extremely talented Intern Architect with C.T. Hsu + Associates, P.A. who has been with the firm for three years. Born in Colombia, she lived there until the age of 12. After some thought and job changes, her mom decided to move to the United States and lives in Clearwater, Florida. Her mom knew education opportunities were more accessible in the United States. After high school, Jenny attended St. Petersburg College and then transferred to the University of South Florida's School of Architecture and Community Design. Being the oldest of three kids, Jenny had little career guidance, but she knew she enjoyed art. She thought about becoming an artist, but wanted a more structured and reliable career. As a result, she took her artistic skills and combined them with her enjoyment of physics and math and decided to study architecture. Since she had earned a number of college credits in high school at USF, she completed the express track for the Master's of Architecture program as planned, in five and a half years. She graduated in 2007, just as the recession set in, and her hopes to find a job in Tampa were unsuccessful. She broadened her search to include Orlando, taking advice from friends that the Orlando market was doing better at the time. Jenny interviewed with C.T. Hsu + Associates and was offered the job. Jenny and her longtime boyfriend, who she met in architecture school, relocated to work in Orlando.

During her tenure at the firm, Jenny has worked on prominent projects including Edgewater High School and Osceola High School. She has also been involved in a number of civic projects including the City of Winter Garden Market Pavilion and Fountain, and the City of Winter Garden Community Center. She is one of the firm's virtual and physical model makers. She collaborated in very comprehensive and intricate models, including the Amway Center and Geico Parking Garage models. Jenny is also proficient in BIM (Building Information Modeling) and enjoys preparing sketch models for the firm's many design submittals.

In her free time, Jenny enjoys watching movies, dancing, and enjoying the outdoors at the beach and at state parks with her boyfriend. She also spends a lot of time studying as they are both preparing to become registered architects in the near future. To date, she has successfully passed a few exams, and is looking to register this coming year. Jenny is very family oriented. She visits her mom frequently and helps her 10-year-old brother with his homework. She truly enjoys the time she gets to spend with her family and wishes that they lived closer.

Jenny also supports the community. She is a team leader in the ACE Mentor program, a career orientation program for high school kids focused on the construction industry. Jenny meets with her team every two weeks to present students with different aspects of how buildings come together. She helps coordinate tours of architect's and contractor's offices, enlists guest speakers and provides insight into the overall A/E/C industry.

Jenny is a valuable member of the CTH+A team who is appreciated by co-workers and clients alike for the high quality of her work.

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