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## Education

**Wentworth Institute  
of Technology**  
2012 - 2016

Bachelor of Science in  
Industrial Design

## Other Things

### Skill Focus

- \_ Softgoods
- \_ Product + Lifestyle  
Photography
- \_ Furniture Design

## Experience

### Samsonite

Softgoods Designer I & II  
Mansfield, MA // November 2017 - Decmeber 2023

- \_Drove impactful transformations in customer presentations by introducing lifestyle product photography, leading to more successful deal closures. Initially managing all photography tasks personally; I established a new standard, necessitating strategic expansion and restructuring of the in-house photography/creative team.
- \_Evolved the Softside Aesthetic with innovative designs, deviating from historical norm and collaborated with the President of Design to formulate and implement a new design strategy, refining Samsonite's aesthetic identity.
- \_ Communicated daily with Chinese counterparts and factories, overseeing the end-to-end product development process from concept inception to pre-production and quality control.
- \_Designed a comprehensive range of stand-alone pieces and collections of softside luggage, bags, and accessories across diverse price points for Samsonite and umbrella brands, including Hartmann, High Sierra, and ebags. Developed both with a small team and independantly.

### Freelance Photographer

2017-Present

- \_Commissioned for a variety of work including food, interiors, portraits, commercial products and weddings.
- \_Clients ranged from public corporations to independent artists.
- \_Work includes lit standard and styled studio photography, environmental and lifestyle.
- \_Published in RI Monthly and Providence Magazine.

### Sprout Studios

Contract Designer  
Boston, MA // October 2016 - April 2017

- \_ Created graphic assets for Staples bags use for Fall 2018.
- \_ Generated Concepts for the future of television for Samsung.
- \_ Acted as a main contributor of content for projects including renderings, sketches, CAD models, research and presentations.

### Wentworth Design Collaborative

Co-President  
Boston, MA // Spring, Summer 2016

- \_ Organized logistics and events for Wentworth that expanded networking and collaboration between all grade levels.
- \_ Mentored at weekly sessions for underclassmen to develop a peer critiquing environment.
- \_ Recruited students and facilitated meetings.



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## **Experience, continued**

### **Vis a Vis**

Industrial Design Internship

Chennai, India // September - December 2015

- \_Developed and prototyped kitchenware, flatware and kitchen appliances with a global team.
- \_Provided website layouts, brand strategies, color palettes, and logo concepts for re-branding the company.

### **Siemens Health Care**

Industrial Design Internship

Norwood, MA // January - April 2014

- \_Collaborated with scientists and engineers to develop and design Chronic Disease Management and Point of Care instruments.
- \_Produced packaging solutions and graphics for a handheld blood glucose analyzer and its accessories.

### **Tavolino - Casual Fine Dining**

Server, Runner, Cook

Foxboro, MA // 2011-2017

- \_Demonstrated in-depth knowledge of the the wine and food menu coming from a scratch kitchen, offering detailed explanations and recommendations to enhance the dining experience.
- \_Maintained a polished and professional appearance while providing attentive and personalized service to patrons, ensuring a high level of satisfaction.
- \_Generated customer service skills, teamwork, adaptability, and commitment to maintaining high standards in a casual fine dining setting.
- \_Produced packaging solutions and graphics for a handheld blood glucose analyzer and its accessories.