

CHRISTOPHER CENTENO

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FOCUS

An M. Arch. graduate from Florida International University - Paul L. Cejas School of Architecture & the Arts, aspiring licensed Architect, seeking a Project Architect position. Equivalent positions considered (ie. Project Manager, Job Captain, Arch. II, Designer etc.). Available to work in office and/or remotely.

EDUCATION & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Architect License: FL, *Anticipated 2021 / 2022* - NCARB IDP hours ~90% complete

Festival of the Tress (FOT) - Peoples Choice Award 2017 - Timeless Design theme / Lead Arch. Designer in collab. with Lead Int. Designer

Master of Architecture (M.Arch), 2015 - Florida International University: Paul L. Cejas School of Architecture + Arts (FIU-SOA)
GPA: 3.34* First Generation Scholar; Part-time employed (20 hours weekly) to fully cover cost of tuition.

HKS/FIU Charette Design Winner 2015 - Recreational Center Expansion & Way-finding project.

Design Studio 10 Architecture Final, FIU Folio Publication 2014 - Chosen by Professor Alice Cimring (GSD-UM)

Study Abroad Italy 2013 - Florida International University: Universita degli studi di Genova - Dipartimento di Architettura (DAD)
Awarded Gilman Scholarship* | Temporary residence in Genova, Italy. Research/case studies in Milan, Rome, Venice, Verona, & Awarded Deans List* | Acquired basic Italian, written and language competency.

Best Design in Computer Practices II 2012 - Awarded by Professor Alex Lozano

Design Studio 1 & 3 Architecture Final, FIU SOA NAAB accreditation 2010/2011 - Projects Chosen by Professors Sabah Corso & Elite Kedan

Miami Palmetto Senior High School 2010 - Magna Cum Laude - Advance Placement Program (3 years) - Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
GPA: 3.71* (unweighted); 4.3 (weighted) - Scholars Honor Award - Varsity Football Program (3 years)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Job Captain - Ware Malcomb; 2019 - 2020 (Nov- July)

Complete project management of assigned projects (RFP award-to-CO), Miami office lead for a national account projects; Procurement of contract proposals, add services, & budget reports; Coordination of project financials (consultant invoices and billing) with accountants; Reporting of project standing and financial forecast to Senior project manager & operations manager; Contract administration of select retail ground-up projects; Space planning test fits for select prospective projects; Design development of approved space plans; Coordination of deliverables with CD production teams; Training of junior Job Captain hires on company account protocol, standards, and project role (task delegation); Ware Malcomb social media lead.

Designer - Ware Malcomb; 2018 - 2019 (Dec - Nov)

Project lead for Miami select accounts; Collaborate with Senior project manager on management of Miami projects for select national accounts; Project management & administrative coordination with accounting/AR team; Arch. & Int. finishes selection / coord. of mood boards and presentations; Space planning of test fits for select prospective/awarded projects; Design development of approved space plans; Coordination of deliverables with production teams; Construction Administration of select projects; WM active / facilities program Miami lead;

Architectural Designer - G.Alvarez Studio; 2017 - 2018 (Aug - Aug)

Project lead for small-medium sized renovation & expansion projects; Created schematic design and design development presentations; Assisted with selection of interior & architectural finishes; Created & coordinated internal project schedules; Assisted procuring project budget schedules, bid leveling, & contract negotiation; Created Space plans, pricing exhibits, leasing exhibits, & building lease booklet packages; Executed physical & virtual meetings with clients for feedback and/or approval on design requirements, CD progress set reviews, and sign-off on architectural & interior finishes; Coordinated with multiple inter-disciplinary consultant, engineering firms, & building architects; Scheduled, & hosted construction administration field visits, as per signed proposal (ie. weekly, xx%, intervals); Directly handled project RFI's, submittals, conference calls, & punch list meetings; Created 2D, 3D, & hybrid sketches, to effectively communicate design to clients, contractors, sub contractors, and consultants; Created renderings for multiple projects independently, and in collaboration with rendering consultants ; Project lead for FOT 2017 Timeless Tree.

Arch. 1 - G.Alvarez Studio; 2016 - 2017 (Feb. - Aug)

Completed full set of Construction Documents for multiple renovation, expansion, and build-out projects (corporate interior, restaurant, educational, and retail); Coordinated design requirements with MEP-FP engineers, Structural Engineers, Lighting consultants, Product manufacturers', Contractors, & subcontractors; Coordinated and prepared original permit set & comment response packages; Supervised and trained new entry level interior designers & architectural hires; Organized & archived textile material samples; Selected & arranged interior finish samples / fixtures for client presentations; Consolidated / cataloged architectural library; Completed interior finish, fixture, and furnishing schedules in AutoCAD & Illustrator; Scheduled & attended meetings with building department officials; Thorough understanding of Florida Building Codes & municipality requirements.

Junior Architect - Barranco Gonzalez Architecture; 2015 - 2016 (Nov. - Feb.)

Assisted Architect with schematic design for medium-large renovation projects; Assisted Architect with Kick-off & OAC meetings; Executed as-built plans of existing project conditions; Field verification of awarded projects; Assisted Project manager with addressing city plan check comments; Worked on design development and construction document drawings with Architect & project manager for large ground-up projects;

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research assistant - Florida International University: Green Library - Special Collections Department; 2013 - 2014 (April - April)

Created and updated FIU Library's digital database; Sorted and handled sensitive information of FIU archived files; Coordinated special exhibitions using exclusive materials from the FIU Special Collections Department.

Laser Cutter / 3D Plotter Manager - Florida International University: School of Architecture - Digital Lab: 2012 - 2013 (April - April)

Assisted students and faculty with scaling drawings, setting up .ctb files, and customizing settings; Scheduled, managed, and executed laser cut & 3D print jobs; Managed & delivered copy, print, and scan jobs; Administered maintenance of printers, plotters, and equipment with Lab supervisor.

PROJECTS

396 Alhambra: **Heineken** office (Renovation)
396 Alhambra: **TruFusion** Gym (Renovation)
396 Alhambra: **Teads TV** (Expansion)
396 Alhambra: **Ballaga, Freedman, & Atkins LLP** (Build-out)
396 Alhambra: **CBRE Engineering & Management Offices** (Renovation)
400 University: **Kramer Labs** (Renovation)
800 Douglas Rd. (Douglas Entrance): **G.Alvarez Studio** (Build-out)
800 Douglas Rd. (Douglas Entrance): **Someone's Son** Restaurant (Build-out)
BHSF Corporate Offices: **Executive floor & Conference center** (Renovation)
Datran II: **Rubenstein Law** (Build-out)
Offices at Merrick Village Park: **Common Areas** (Renovation)
Duke Realty: **Blue Water Offices & Warehouse** (Build-out)
Satori: **Luxury Residential Condos** (Ground-up)
Spectrum: **Charter Communications Retail stores** (50-75 roll-outs)

Wells Fargo Center: **BullTick** (Build-out)
Brickell City Tower: **Next Source** (Build-out)
Brickell City Tower: **Mars Pet Care** (Build-out)
One Park Square Doral: **Harvest Delights** (Expansion)
One Park Square Doral: **Sysmex** (Build-out)
OPSD: **Latin Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences** (Build-out)
Gulliver Preparatory: **Confence Center** (Expansion)
Lennar Corporate Center: **Star Clippers** (Renovation)
Lennar Corporate Center: **WOW Pavillion** (Build-out)
Lennar Corporate Center: **Eagle Homes Mortgage** (Build-out)
Alfred Dupont (Downtown): **Capriccio Ristorante** (Build-out)
Doral (107ave): **Capriccio Ristorante** (Build-out)
Verizon: **Pincrest-Tallahassee-Gainesville-St. Pete - FL** (Audits)
AT&T: **Coral Gables - Aventura - Jacksonville** (SD)

KEY QUALITIES

Excellent Design Skills
Excellent Time Management Skills
Excellent Project Management Skills
Excellent Client relation Skills
Proficient in Auto CAD/ Drafting
Proficient in Rhinoceros/Sketch-up/ 3D modeling
Proficient in Microsoft Office programs
Proficient in Photoshop, Illustrator, & In-design
Knowledgeable with Light room & Aftereffects for moderate photo/video editing
Professional Attitude

Ability to see the "big picture"
Ability to multi-task effectively
Ability to quickly adapt
Team Leadership skills
Team Player
Thoughtful & Creative
Detailed oriented
Organized & Productive
Fast learner
Problem solver

SKILLS & TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

- High Proficiency in: Autodesk Auto CAD, Autodesk ArchiCAD, Autodesk Revit BIM, Sketch-up, Rhinoceros, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Acrobat, Bluebeam Revu, Newforma, Vision Deltek, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Power Point, Microsoft Planner, V-ray, Grasshopper (plug-in)
- Good Proficiency in: Lunchbox (plug-in), Autodesk Maya, Plotting, Laser cutting, & 3D printing
- Medium Proficiency in: Adobe Lightroom, Adobe Aftereffects, Autodesk Vasari, Ecotect Analysis
- Proficient with sketching, photography, 3D modeling, Model making, Sculpting, Rendering, & Branding
- Ability to diagnose and repair small/common computer and networking problems, pertaining to software, updates, & bugs/glitches.
- Fluent in Spanish with excellent written and spoken communication skills; collegiate level tested/approved, via Advanced Placement program exam. Basic Italian written and spoken communication competency; Tested/approved, via FIU Study Abroad Italian language course.

PROFESSIONAL & COLLEGIATE ORGANIZATIONS

- AIA Associate: Miami, FL Chapter - Member ID #38603364 (2016 - Present)
- AIAS Member: FIU Chapter - Member (2011-2012) - Treasurer (2012) - Historic Activist (2012-2013)
- Gilman International Scholar - (2013-Present)