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Work Experience

Collections Care Intern | James Branch Cabell Library | Richmond, VA
September 2025 - May 2026

- Repaired 222 circulating collection materials through conservation treatments, including book rebinding, spine repair, and paper mending.
- Developed an innovative bookbinding technique to DFA tab-based books.
- Applied archival quality conservation methods to extend the lifespan of library collections.

Research Assistant to Dr. Hala Auji | Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA
May 2025 - Present

- Conducted academic research on Islamic art history, specifically 19th century journals.
- Assisted in organizing archival materials and supporting literature reviews for scholarly publications.

Installation Assistant + Intern | 1708 Art Gallery | Richmond, Va
Jan 2025 - August 2025

- Assisted with the installation and deinstallation of contemporary art exhibitions.
- Conducted archival documentation of exhibitions, artists, and gallery history.
- Supported artist relations, exhibition openings, public receptions, and event planning.

Studio Manager | King Abdulaziz Cultural Center | Dammam, Saudi Arabia
Jan 2021 - March 2021

- Designed and facilitated workshops focused on Islamic geometric art for cultural center visitors.
- Supervised daily studio operations and coordinated a small team to ensure efficient programming.
- Maintained workshop materials and provided visitor support during educational activities.

Communications Officer | Jovia | Dammam, Saudi Arabia
Feb 2020 - July 2020

- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to organize and execute community outreach initiatives.
- Built relationships with new clients and provided ongoing support to meet their needs.
- Assisted in coordinating communications and event logistics.

Project Coordinator | AlZamil Entertainment | Dammam, Saudi Arabia
Jan 2019

- Coordinated project timelines and delegated tasks to ensure timely completion of events.
 - Assisted in planning and executing art-focused public events.
 - Coordinated with vendors and venue staff to support successful event operations.
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Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Craft/Material Studies May 2026
Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) - Richmond, VA
GPA: 3.504 Cum Laude

Exhibitions

2024 Kindred Horizons Exhibition, The Anderson, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
2024 No Forks Given, Seipel Gallery, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
2023 Scripts and Calligraphy Exhibition, Sponsored by Saudi Arabian Ministry of Culture, Riyadh
2021 Young Saudi Artists Exhibition, Athr Art Gallery, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
2019 In-Perfection (solo exhibition), Desert Designs Khobar, Saudi Arabia

Scholarships and Awards

2022-2026 VCU Merit Scholarship award (48,000\$)
2022-2026 The Saudi Arabian Ministry of Culture Scholarship (full ride scholarship)

Publications

2023 Scripts and Calligraphy: Paths to the Soul by the Ministry of Culture, Saudi Arabia
2023 Nabd Magazine
2023 [Okaz Magazine](#)
2023 [Sayidaty Magazine](#)
2021 [Arab News](#)

Volunteering Experience

2018 Tkween King Fahad Hospital | Mural Painting for Pediatric ICU

2018 Temperature Khobar Art Event | Volunteer

2013-2014 Lelkhier Social Development Group | Assisted in two charity events (Fall & Spring)