

# Renel Forand

Fashion Designer

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## Education

May 2022

### Bachelor of Science -

### Fashion Design

Jefferson University  
(Philadelphia University + Thomas  
Jefferson University)

Summa Cum Laude

## Skills

### Software

- Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop
- PLM
- Procreate
- CLO 3D Software
- Microsoft Office

### Development

- Concept and Trend Research
- Hand Sketching
- Technical/CAD Sketching
- Tech Packs
- Spec Sheets
- Garment Construction
- Draping
- Fitting
- Sewing
- Fabric Sourcing
- Visual Merchandising
- Color Matching
- Sample Management
- Pattern Drafting
- Organization

## Experience

### Summer 2022-Present

American Eagle Outfitters, INC. | New York, NY

### Assistant Designer - Men's Woven Tops and Swim

- Owning the design and development of the swimwear category
- Researching to identify emerging trends and inspiration
- Collaborating with the designer to create original artwork that is appropriate for the seasonal concept direction
- Managing the development and execution of trim packages
- Setting up spec sheets and communicating fit and construction details to the technical designer
- Attending and participating in fittings
- Creating line sheets and communicating all updates to the cross-functional team
- Reviewing garments and all details with the designer and production
- Overseeing sample preparation for presentations

### Spring 2022

QVC | West Chester, PA

### Technical Design Intern - Womenswear

- Supported a team of technical designers across several brands
- Measured and checked samples
- Assisted in fit sessions by recording fit comments and communicating with vendors
- Kept sample information up to date in FlexPLM
- Communicated cross-functionally with design, merchandising, sourcing, and print and color teams

### Summer 2021

American Eagle Outfitters, INC | New York, NY

### Design Intern - Men's Knit Tops

- Supported seasonal design development
- Created sketches in Adobe Illustrator
- Kept line sheets up to date
- Communicated cross-functionally with merchandising, production, technical design, and print and color teams
- Conducted an independent consumer research project analyzing what the Gen Z consumer is looking for

## Achievements & Activities

### Designers Supporting Designers

Mentorship Program, Mentor from 2021-2022

### Fashion Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Recipient 2020

### Fashion Industries Association

Member from 2019-2022

