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What I believe

There are 8 billion people on this planet and they each spend 87% of their time indoors; architecture is an ingrained part of their life, whether inside or out. The world's population is only going to grow, so it is important that the structures we create are sustainable while making sure that people are comfortable in their environment. Using my experiences, I want to create architecture that people feel personally connected to. Using my degree, I want to make these structures sustainable. The future is where people will be comfortable in the places they live in and the world they live on.

Why I chose Architecture

Someone once told me that being an architect was like being a conductor. You do not need to know how to play every instrument, but you need to know enough to bring everyone together; to ask the right questions and help each person do their best. Architecture is a profession where being a jack of all trades is a strength because understanding how different pieces work together is what allows the whole project to succeed.

I have always felt that I was good at many things without being the best at any one. I enjoyed art, math, science, and problem solving, but never felt that I had one defining talent. Architecture became the place where those interests could come together. I was also drawn to the idea that architecture is a lifelong learning profession. The world is constantly changing, and architecture has to change with it. I wanted a career that could continually feed my curiosity while also giving me a way to help people and the environment around them.

Why I Chose SCAD

I originally considered becoming an engineer or pursuing art, and it was not until a friend suggested architecture that I found a field between the two. That led me to SCAD, where I found an architecture program that combined creative thinking with the technical realities of building.

My first architecture class confirmed that it was the profession for me. It combined my interest in art and design with my curiosity about how things work, while challenging me to solve tangible problems. SCAD's Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure, or IPAL, was another major reason I chose the program. I was drawn to an education that connected school, professional experience, and licensure rather than treating them as separate steps.

Where I Am Now

I am currently entering my third and final year of my Master of Architecture at SCAD. Through the IPAL program and my professional experience, I have been able to work toward my education, experience, and licensure simultaneously. As of now, I have completed all six of the divisions of the Architect Registration Examination.

As I move toward completing my degree and licensure, I want to continue learning, contributing, and developing as an architect who can bring together different disciplines to create meaningful, sustainable places for people and the environments they inhabit.