Spencer Steeves

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OBJECTIVE

Highly motivated graduate with well-rounded education in architecture, sustainability, and urban environments, looking for a position where I can grow my experience in architectural design using my software knowledge, receptiveness, and creativity

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN Urbana-Champaign, IL
Bachelor of Science May 2025

Major in Sustainable Design; Minor in Architectural Studies, Certificates in Innovation and Tech Commercialization
Cumulative GPA: 3.5/4.0
Relevant Coursework: Sustainable Design Capstone, Architecture Design Studios, LEED Building Projects

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ILLINOIS SOLAR DECATHLON (U.S. Department of Energy Design Competition Team) Urbana, IL
Design Team Member Aug 2024 – May 2025

- Designed an adaptive reuse mixed-use multistory housing project for a disadvantaged Chicago neighborhood, integrating energy efficiency and sustainable building strategies with community impact and revitalization
- Produced architectural drawings and renderings to support pre-design and design phases, collaborating with architecture, engineering, and sustainability teams from idea to completion
- Presented project goals, LEED Silver standards, and replicable sustainability strategies at the U.S. Department of Energy's BuildingsNEXT Competition, showing 100% of goals met

MILIEU LANDSCAPING (Midsized Landscape Architecture and Construction Firm) Lake Zurich, IL
Design-Build Intern Jun 2024 – Aug 2024

- Developed site plans, construction documents, and detailed presentations for sustainable landscapes, integrating storm-water management and native planting strategies
- Collaborated with architects, engineers, construction team, and municipal officials to ensure designs met permitting and environmental standards
- Created visualizations and client-facing presentations and reports to communicate design proposals

NEWMAN HALL (Dorm at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign) Champaign, IL
Resident Advisor Jul 2022 – May 2025

- Managed crisis response and coordinated logistics for a 580+ resident dorm, including safety, compliance, and emergency protocol
- Organized and executed events and projects with budgets, timelines, and cross-functional coordination among staff, residents, and administration
- Promoted to leadership roles (Resident Director on Call, RA Mentor), mentoring peers and managing escalated operations, demonstrating ability to oversee complex teams and systems

ACTIVITIES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ILLINI COUNCIL 2782 Champaign, IL
President/Program Director Aug 2021 – Jun 2025

- Managed operations for a 100+ member organization, overseeing budgeting, scheduling, and stakeholder communications
- Directed fraternal charity organization from near shutdown to ranked #2 College Council in the World and Illinois Council of the Year under my leadership and hitting 500% of membership goal

ADDITIONAL

Technical Skills: AutoCAD, Rhino, Revit, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, SketchUp, Grasshopper, ArcGIS, Twinmotion, Pending LEED GA Certification
Personal Skills: Adaptability, Meeting Deadlines, Communication, Team Management, Scheduling, Budgeting,
Awards: 5x Resident Advisor Service and Perseverance Award, 4x Cozad New Venture Challenge Award Winner