

Maria Arciniegas - Interior Design Services Completer , Class of 2012 admitted to FIU School of Architecture!

John A. Ferguson Sr. High Interior Design Services program completer, class of 2012, was admitted to FIU School of Architecture!!!!!!

She sent me the following message - "They told me to turn in a portfolio with a floor plan and some work I've done so I put in the floor plan I did for the Chicago bungalow home and pictures of the lifeguard station and room I did. I dropped it off yesterday and they called me 20 minutes later saying I was admitted lol and today they just chose my classes. I get my own desk at the studio tomorrow!!!!"

Maria was an excellent student and was admitted to FIU last spring planning to be a math major. She started wondering how she could be an architecture student and they granted her an audition. As she said above she was admitted 20 minutes later. And a week later the School of Architecture called our counselor and wants to come speak to the Interior Design 4 students!!!! Family and Consumer Sciences has come a long way. I remember when I was in college 40 years ago, I was taking Home Management classes, completing projects on comparison of cleaning products or time management in making a meal. These are important things to know but now our students are learning how to draw floor plans to scale, draw electrical plans, place furniture and create color schemes and build small scale models of rooms and impress professors who teach at the FIU School of Architecture where interior design is incorporated and called Interior Architecture! On our 4-year plan, I advise my students to take physics as one of their sciences since it is required in the architecture program.

Since this happened another 2012 IDS completer wants to take her portfolio to an audition. Maria has carved a path for the interior design students. This year I am teaching approximately 125 Interior Design 1 students, 45 Interior Design 2 students, 28 Interior Design 3 students and 20 Interior Design 4 students. (3 are doubled up taking 3 and 4 their senior year so they can complete the program)

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