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**Job Title:** Graduate Architect

**Employer:** Axis Architecture + Interiors

**Degrees Awarded:** Ball State University - Master of Architecture (2013), Ferris State University – Bachelor of Science degree in Facility Management (2010), Ferris State University – Associate in Applied Science degree in Architectural Technology (2008)

**How would you describe your current position?** The firm I work for has a variety of project types and scales. I am currently working in the schematic design phase of an office renovation, construction administration for a downtown façade renovation and design develop of an apartment building. My tasks vary on the day from graphical representations, developing construction documents to reviewing project submittals.

**How has your education supported you in your job thus far?** Getting introduced to so many aspects of the profession in the classroom has given me a solid foundation that I rely on in the office. Design concepts, the technical aspects of a building, construction detailing and software that I was exposed to at Ferris State and Ball State I use on a daily basis

**How was the job search process?** The job search process was competitive. It was important to develop a resume and portfolio that highlighted your best qualities and what you could bring to a firm. Attending job fairs and being involved in campus organizations helped create a network that was critical in finding a job.

**What do you see as your biggest challenge?** The biggest challenge is working through multiple concepts until you find the successful solution. The design process takes time, research and the development until you develop a final solution that meets the needs of the project.

**What do you do in your spare time?** In my spare time I enjoy being active whether it is biking, running or traveling. The joy of exploring new cities and their architecture started with field trips at Ferris State and Ball State that I continue to enjoy to this day.

**What advice would you give to current students?** School is going to be what you make it. Study what interests you and keep learning about the topic even outside the classroom.