

# Josh Taibbi

Industrial Designer

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*Industrial design student at Virginia Tech with a passion for user-centered design. Aspires to make products that uplift, motivate, empower, and enable people to live more comfortable and fulfilling lives. A trusted leader, collaborator, and student who is experienced in balancing multiple projects at once. Recognized as a skilled designer and dependable resource. An avid learner who constantly strives for improvement.*

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## Education

### BS - Industrial Design @ Virginia Tech

August 2021 - May 2025 (Projected)

4.00GPA // Honors College // Phi Beta Kappa

## Work Experience

### Exhibition Design Intern

Virginia Tech Prototyping Lab // August 2023 - Present

- Design and document an exhibit for children aged 0-5, based on client, technical, and business constraints.
- Build a physical version of the exhibit to be displayed at local daycare using 3D printing, woodworking, coding, etc.
- Collaborated with multi-disciplinary teams, managed project timelines effectively, and contributed to establishing design guidelines for optimal project outcomes.

### Sr. Sales Associate

New River Art and Fiber // August 2022 - January 2024

- Developed marketing materials using Illustrator and sketching skills, driving sales and customer satisfaction.
- Advised customers on art supplies using practical knowledge, project requirements, and budgets.
- Fostered client relationships, leveraging analytical skills to address customer needs.

### Industrial Design Instructor

Black College Institute // June 2023

- Contributed to the development of instructional materials for educational presentations using Illustrator and Photoshop
- Leveraged strong 2D sketching skills to demonstrate concepts to prospective students
- Facilitated interactive learning experiences and encouraged creative problem-solving, helping students hone critical thinking skills

## Hard Skills

- Sketching
- CAD
- Graphic Design
- Design Research
- Additive Manufacturing
- Rapid Prototyping
- High Fidelity Model Making
- Adobe Creative Cloud
- Solidworks
- Keyshot
- Arduino IDE
- Rhino 3D

## Soft Skills

- Empathy & User-Centric Thinking
- Creative Problem Solving
- Team Player
- Experienced Leader
- Skilled Communicator
- Engineering Knowledge
- Detail Oriented
- Independent
- Adaptable
- Time Management
- Organized
- Intrinsically Motivated

## Extracurriculars

President-Elect // IDSA

President // Tap Ensemble at Virginia Tech

Design Research Assistant // Spring 2024

Member // Sketch Club

## Honors and Awards

Thomas W. Moss, Jr. Scholarship Recipient // April 2023

Campus internEXP - Intern of the Month // October 2023

IDSA Render Competition - 1st Place // May 2023