

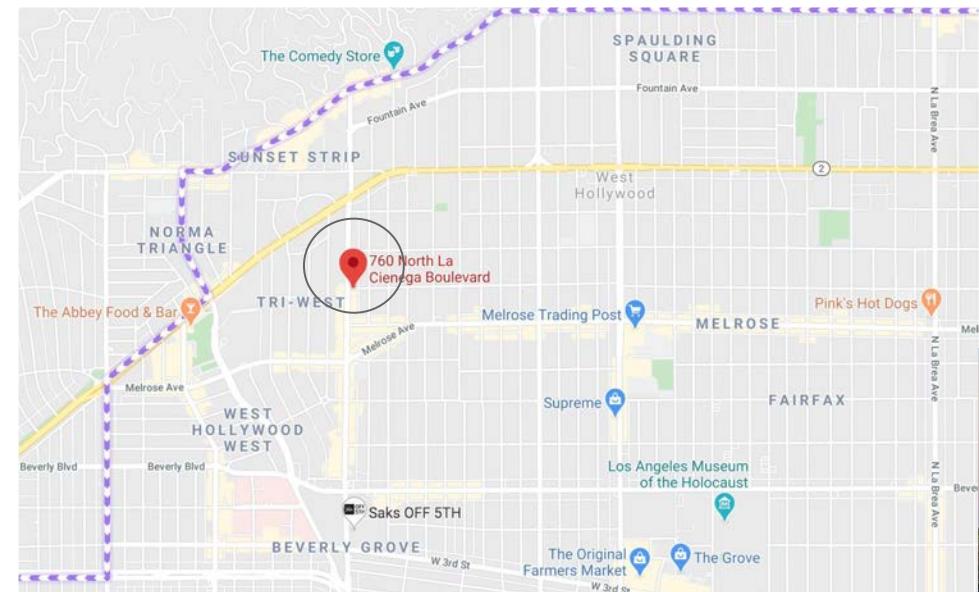


Summer Internship 2019

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A little introduction...

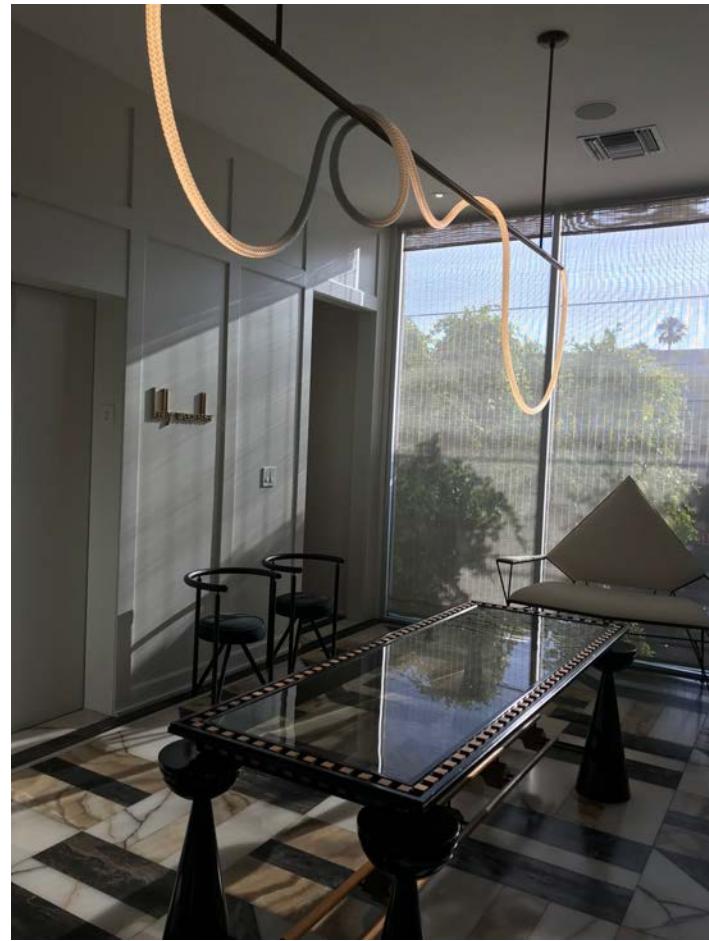
Last summer I had the incredible opportunity to work for one of my all-time favorite designers, Kelly Wearstler. I did an 8-week, **UNPAID** internship with KWID. The company did not provide any assistance in housing or travel accommodations. I lived in an Airbnb a 2 miles away from my studio with another intern. Each of the interns was placed with a team of designers. I was placed with Patty and Zoe. I was able to help with the current projects they were working on, including a massive residential project, and a secret project in Kelly's Beverly Hills residence. I learned a lot from Patty and Zoe, and felt grateful to have such a great team!



The studio is located in West, Hollywood, CA. This is an extremely central location in terms of LA, and is nestled in Los Angeles' Design District.

The studio is on the first floor of the building. The second floor is home to celebrity hair stylist, Sally Hershberger.





Interior
images of
the studio.

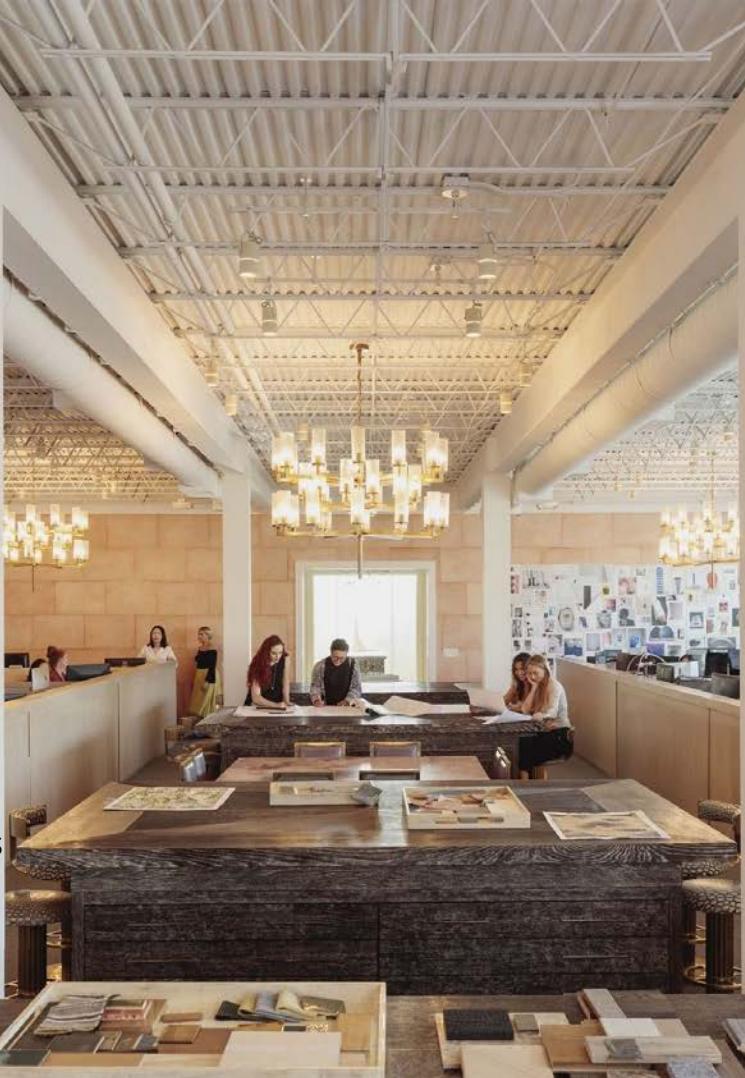




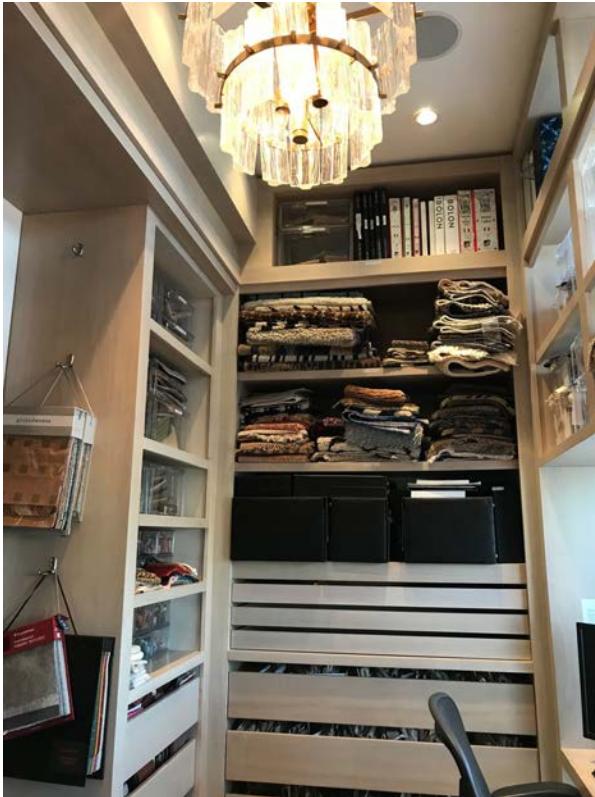
Pictured are the 2 conference rooms. The images on the right was where Monday morning meetings happened every week.



My desk was
here, right across
from the kitchen!



My team, Zoe
and Patty work
here!



Images of the materials library



Some images of the designers. Ryder (with the red hair) hired me.

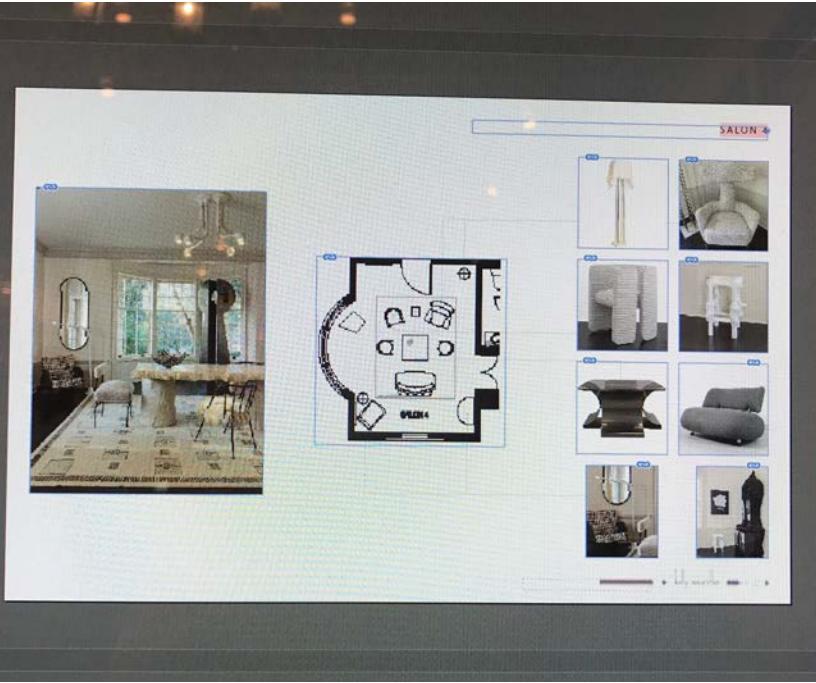


***I had to pull these off instagram because they are not pictured anywhere else!

The following slides are from the first project I worked on at KWID. A high-end jeweler, Van Cleef and Arpels, was renting out space in Kelly's home to showcase their jewelry. This entire process involved moving furniture in and out, ordering new furniture, rugs, pieces, floral arrangements, etc, and transforming the home into 15 salons, serving as the perfect showroom. My main tasks during this project:

- Ordering rugs for the “Salons”
- Communicating with Patty and Zoe from the studio to the worksite
- Updating layouts on Photoshop to the corresponding Salons
- Assisted with installation and de-installation of the salons

These days were hectic. Lots of running back-and-forth from room to room making sure everything was where it needed to be and everything was being moved carefully.



Examples of the files I updated per salon.





Images from
when I was
on-site supervising
the
installation.



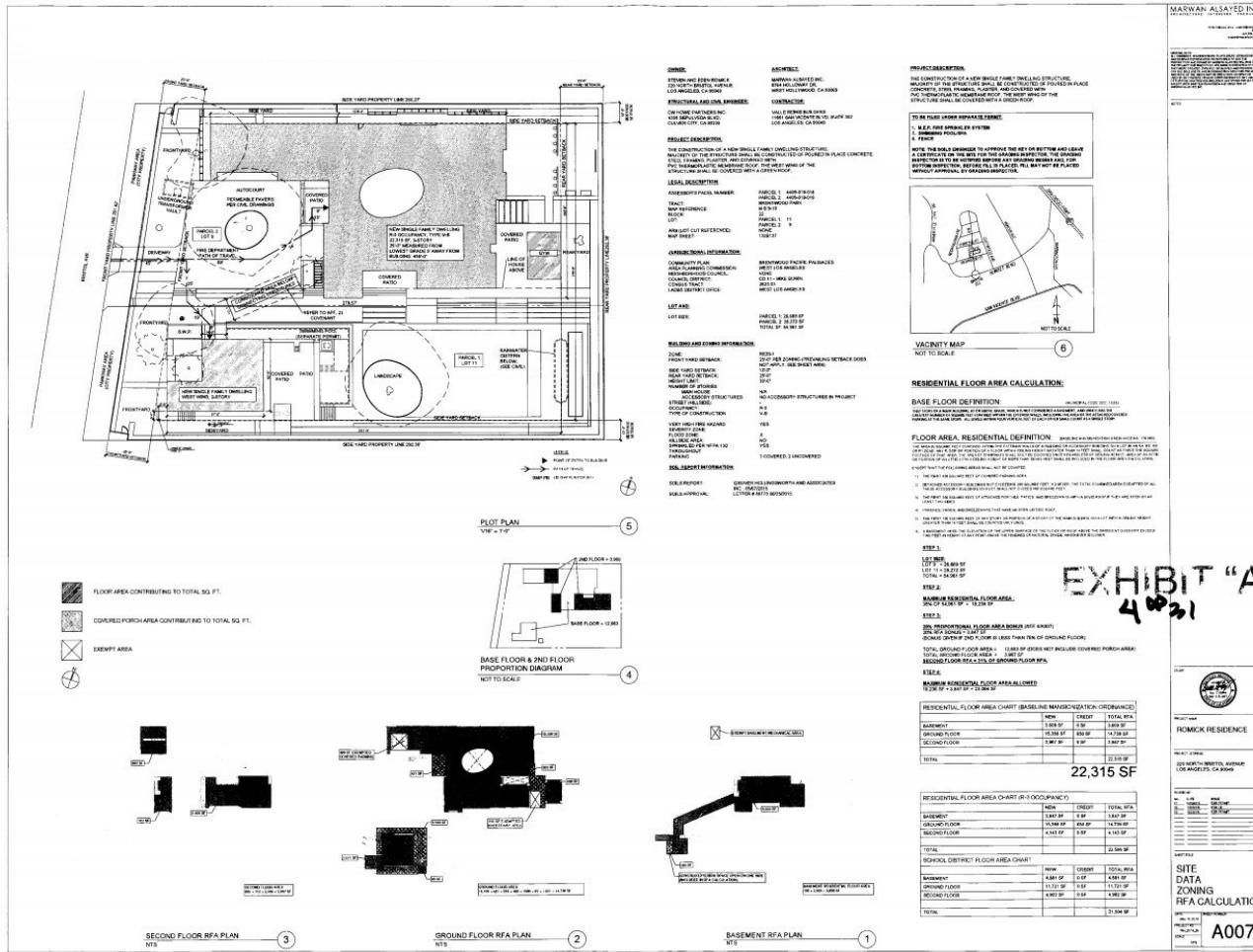
The next slides are from another project that I spent most of my time on while interning. This was a residence in Brentwood, CA, a very wealthy neighborhood of Los Angeles between Beverly Hills and Santa Monica. The residence is 29,000 square feet (yes, you read that right). Some of the spaces include a spa, pool house, two girls' bedrooms, craft room, and a butler's kitchen.

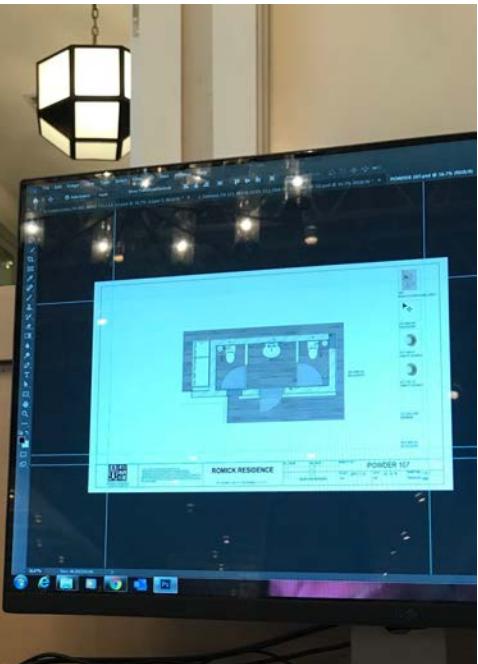
I did a lot for this project. I collected samples, helped set up for and sat in on client meetings, worked on CAD documents, and Photoshop renderings. I wish I had taken more picture of the design for this space, because it was truly incredible.

The clients love collecting art, so I did a lot of research and pulled pieces for them. I called several studios and galleries around the country to track these pieces down.

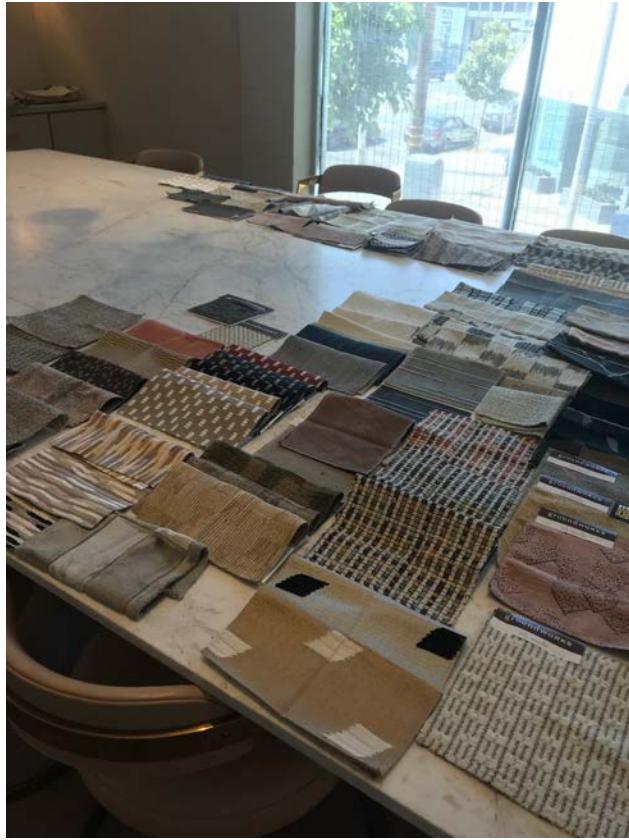
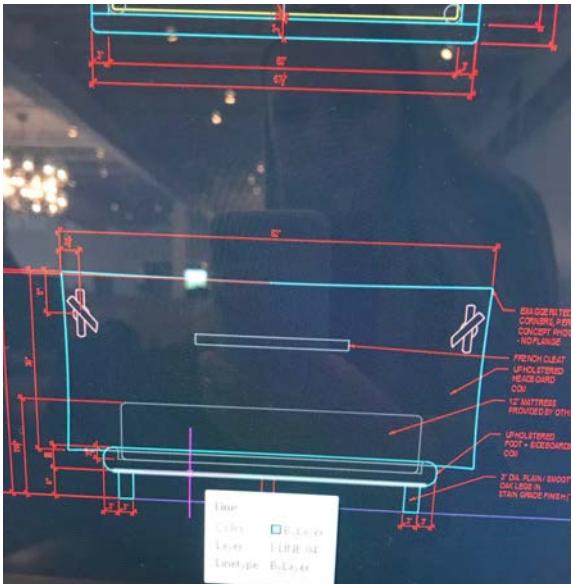
The house is entirely constructed out of poured concrete, and has been a work-in-progress since 2015.

This is the site plan of the home.





A few of the only images I was able to “sneak” of the residential project. Does not do it justice, but these are good examples of work I did for it.





This is the Pacific Design Center on Melrose Avenue in West Hollywood. The blue building is home to many design showrooms and where I would go to browse samples. It was a 10-ish minute walk from the studio.



There was one day they took the interns for a tour of Kelly's Flagship boutique on Melrose.

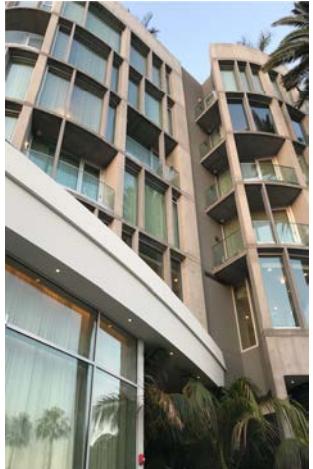


Everyone at the studio was invited to different events. This happened to be at Elvis Presley's LA residence, which is now home to the design company Future Perfect.





Images I took from the Santa Monica Proper Hotel, which opened in June 2019



***I actually worked on the spa in this hotel-I specified furniture using Studio Designer

In conclusion...

I had an incredible internship experience at KWID and although it came with many sacrifices, I learned a ton of useful information and built connections with others in the industry.

I would emphasize an important note that some of the other seniors have touched on which is to not be afraid to speak up, and ask questions. I am still working on this myself but it is SO important to communicate and stay curious in design, it will only help you in the long run.

I never in a million years would've thought I'd be working for someone that I looked up to so immensely, and I never would have gotten the opportunity if I hadn't taken **risks**. Do the things that make you uncomfortable now while you still have something to fall back on. Good luck and stay healthy!

-Taylor