

# BENJAMIN T. SPENCER

*Footwear Designer / Accessory Designer*



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## EXPERIENCE

### IMMUNOSHELL PRODUCT DESIGNER & PATTERN MAKER (JUNE 2020-OCT. 2020)

- Designed and Patterned a full head cover including a Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) for at-risk groups that needed extra daily protection from respiratory diseases such as COVID-19, by covering the parts of the body that are most receptive such as the nose, mouth, eyes, and ears.

### RALPH LAUREN FOOTWEAR DESIGN AND MERCHANDISING INTERNSHIP (JUNE 2020-AUGUST 2020)

- Due to Covid-19, the internship had to be moved to virtual Design and Business Workshops with the Ralph Lauren teams

### THOMAS BENJAMIN (JANUARY 2019-PRESENT)

- In charge of the design, as well as business side of the company
- Designing various footwear and handbag collections
- Designing and creating commissioned pieces for clients in North America and Europe
- Pattern-making, Sample-making, Material Sourcing

### STUDIO TUTOR & MONITOR SCAD (MAY 2019-PRESENT)

- Tutor fellow students in the entire process of making handbags and footwear from start to finish
  - Ideation, Pattern-making, Material Manipulation, Sample-making
- Monitor industrial grade machines and tools
- Summer Seminar: Teaching Prospective High school students about making handbags to further build interest in today's youth.

## EDUCATION

### SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN (2017-PRESENT)

- B.F.A. in Accessory Design
- Expected graduation May 2021
- 3.96 GPA (4.0 GPA in major courses)
- Dean's List every quarter

### CROWDER COLLEGE (2015-2017)

- Graduated Cum Laude with an Associate of Arts: 3.794 GPA
- NJCAA Academic All American Scholar Athlete (2016-2017)
- Dean's List every semester

## DESIGN

**Accessory Sketching**  
-By Hand and Illustrator

**Patternmaking**

**Sample Making**

**Hand/Machine Sewing**

**Material Manipulation**

**Spec Sheets/ Technical Views**

**Creative Direction**

## PROFESSIONAL

**Trend Forecasting**

**Presentation Skills**

**Organization**

**Teamwork**

**Working Independently**

**Adaptability**

**Customer Communication**

**Extremely Quick Learner**

## SOFTWARE

**PhotoShop**

**Illustrator**

**InDesign**

**Lightroom**

**Microsoft Office**

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## ACCOLADES

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### AWARDS:

- MAY 2021: SWAROVSKI CREATIVES FOR OUR FUTURE GRANT RECIPIENT
- APRIL 2021: MELISSA NXT WINNER + COLLABORATION WITH MELISSA INTERNATIONAL
- APRIL 2021: FINALIST FOR 36TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF FASHION (AWAITING RESULTS)
- JUNE 2020: CFDA K11 SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST
- SEPTEMBER 2019: SELECTED BY DEAN TO SHARE WORK WITH (I-D MAGAZINE & TOWN AND COUNTRY MAGAZINE)