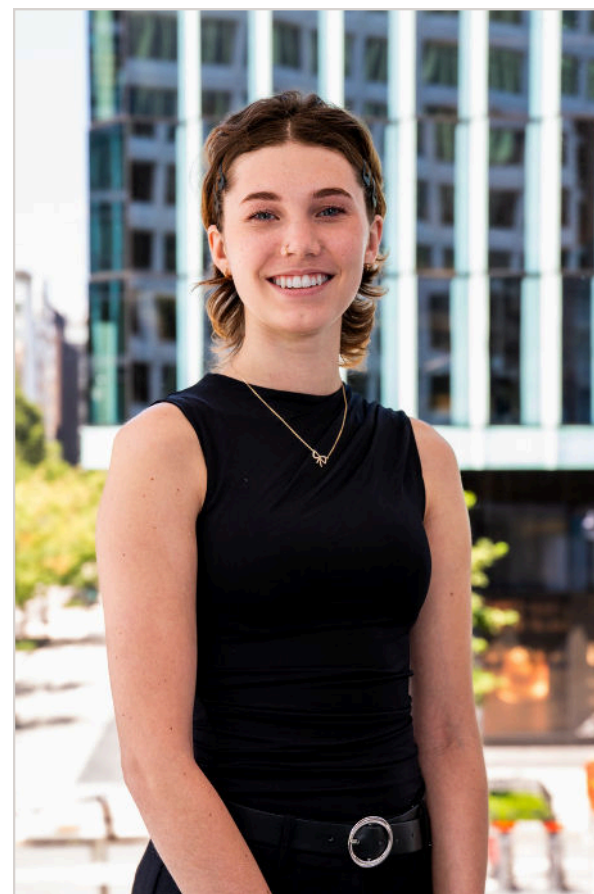




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■ 2025 INTERN

Yousra Essaadi

Bachelor of Architecture at Tongji University & Master of Architecture at Virginia Tech



Where do you see your career in five years?

In five years, I hope to be a licensed architect working on projects that make a difference. I am passionate about meaningful architecture that serves communities, whether that is through affordable housing or healthcare facilities. I wish for the projects I work on to improve the lives of others, bringing dignity and strength to communities.

Who at KGD do admire most for their architectural ability and why?

I really admire Nia for her incredible skills and dedication to architecture and the KGD team. Even though we never worked directly on the same projects, she was always there to guide and support me. I love how humble she is while still being able to tackle any problem and answer every question like a rockstar.



■ 2025 INTERN

Alexis Joseph

Bachelor of Visual Arts at Duke University & Master of Architecture at University of Maryland



What do you enjoy most about designing?

My favorite part of the design process is collaboration. I view design as a tool for storytelling, and as a way to connect with different communities. Collaboration during the design process allows me to understand people on a deeper level. Whether I am collaborating with other designers or the community, I enjoy the creativity, passion, and inspiration cultivated in those spaces.

What were you looking for in a firm that you found at KGD?

Community and diversity. Outside of the diverse community of designers at KGD, the firm also offers a wide array of services. Having the opportunity to learn from many designers on a diverse portfolio of projects has given me the hands-on experience needed to grow professionally.



■ 2025 INTERN

Olivia Donaghy

Bachelor of Science in Cognitive Neuroscience



What did you enjoy most at KGD?

As the marketing intern, I was able to meet and gain insight from so many talented and amazing members of the KGD team. They make the firm's atmosphere incredibly welcoming, and even in the midst of an approaching deadline or days busy with meetings, you can hear laughter and conversation in the office.

What did you hope to get out of your internship with KGD?

I hoped to gain insight into different career paths and skills. As a rising sophomore with no reference to the interworkings of the professional workforce, I went into this internship wanting to gain that knowledge and experience. Getting to see the process of such a quietly influential profession helped me to further explore my own career path and shape my priorities within my passions.