

Grace Duffy

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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin Madison, School of Human Ecology

May 2028

Bachelor of Science in Textiles and Fashion Design

Certificate in Business

GPA: 4.0

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fashion Merchandising Assistant

Chicago, IL

Lake Street Showroom

June 2025 - August 2025

- Worked to creatively photograph and model apparel collections for promotional marketing uses
- Called and scheduled appointments with accounts for upcoming apparel trade shows
- Steamed and organized sample racks
- Inventoried collections
- Worked with tools like Salesforce and Google Suite to manage data

Sales Associate/ Brand Representative

Chicago, IL

Abercrombie & Fitch Co.

June 2024 - August 2025

- Greeted customers and provided styling advice, while representing the brand's values and store environment with my own style
- Maintained a clean, organized, and visually appealing sales floor
- Processed transactions, returns, and exchanges quickly and accurately
- Promoted loyalty programs and sales initiative to drive customer engagement
- Assisted in setting up store displays
- Back-stocked and processed shipment

LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

Kappa Alpha Theta

Madison, WI

Active Member

September 2024 - Present

- Collaborated with chapter members to plan and execute social and fundraising events, enhancing teamwork and organization skills
- Contributed to fostering an inclusive sisterhood by engaging in chapter traditions
- Supported philanthropy efforts through dedicated participation in events and fundraisers benefiting CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates and Safe Harbor Child Advocacy

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Casa Romero Renewal Center

Milwaukee, WI

Volunteer/ Immersion Participant

June 2023

- Week-long, Urban Plunge immersion trip focused on nonprofit volunteer work in the Milwaukee area; centered on combating urban related issues
- Worked in soup kitchens, sorting centers, and food pantries
- Notable organizations: Fr. Gene's Help Center and St. Ben's Community Meal

Humble Design

Chicago, IL

Volunteer

January 2021 - January 2022

- Sorted and organized furniture and home decor, which were distributed to furnish homes for families transitioning from homelessness, promoting dignity and stability

Lakeview Food Pantry

Chicago, IL

Volunteer

January 2020 - January 2021

- Distributed groceries and resources to neighbors in need, supporting food security efforts in my local community
- Assisted with intake, stocking and distribution

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) - Early College Program

Chicago, IL

Fashion Illustration & Fashion Construction Student

Summer 2021, 2022, 2023

- Developed technical skills in garment construction, draping, and illustration through intensive studio coursework
- Created original fashion illustrations and constructed garments, applying both creative design and practical sewing techniques
- Explored the fashion design process from concept to development to finished product, gaining hands-on pre-professional experience