



Mateo Mantilla

Designer

Eager and detail-oriented designer experienced in commercial, adaptive reuse and master planning projects. Passionate about creating user-centered designs that enhance interactions and improve experiences across environments. Skilled in organization and time management, ensuring efficient project delivery while maintaining a strong focus on quality and user satisfaction. Enthusiastic about contributing to innovative, meaningful design solutions that positively impact how people live, work, and interact.

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Languages

English / Spanish

Soft Skills

Collaboration / Quick Learner / Model Making / Concept Development / Presentation / Hand Drafting / Rendering / Visualization

Work Experience

Designer - Leo A Daly

Jul 2024 - May 2025 | Omaha, NE

- Brought into the team to enhance design quality by introducing fresh perspectives and ideas, while maintaining high productivity and timely delivery of deliverables. Led design projects and collaborated closely with the design director and managing principal to ensure exceptional client outcomes.
- Designed and oversaw visualization for projects of all sizes, from multimillion-dollar healthcare developments to boutique office buildings, ensuring consistent design excellence and a cohesive visual direction across all aspects of the projects.

Designer - S9 Architecture

Jul 2022 - Jun 2024 | New York, NY

- Led the design of an adaptive reuse project in South Boston, creating a cultural catalyst for the area. Developed an elegant solution for the iconic "Turbine Place" pedestrian and vehicular passageway, connecting the building's primary wings.
- Oversaw massing and design for a residential and hospitality project in Nashville, creating flexible spaces for residents and visitors. Designed landscapes and facilitated a hotel spanning over retail, becoming a key neighborhood landmark.
- Led together with the design principal the masterplan design for a major Miami sports hub surrounding a future MLS stadium, coordinating space organization, visibility, and user experience for retail, offices, and hotels.
- Conceptualized and designed an office building opposite Ponce City Market in Atlanta, using biomimicry to connect greenways with public buildings and neighborhoods, enhancing community connectivity.
- Executed the design of a lab/office building in Boston, blending historical and modern architecture to create a contextually sensitive and elegant structure.

Designer - SCADpro x Clayco

Sep 2021 - Nov 2021 | Savannah, GA

- Collaborated with Clayco and Lamar Johnson Collaborative to research and develop concepts for the next generation of architecture and urban design; collaborating with professionals from diverse disciplines, including UX, industrial, and AR/VR design, fostering a multidisciplinary approach to innovation.

Architectural Intern - Leo A Daly

Jun 2021 - Sep 2021 | Omaha, NE

- Designed, modeled, and rendered winning proposals, including independently finalizing a project with high-quality rendered images and animation walkthroughs, securing client approval and project award.
- Streamlined design workflows to enhance productivity and expedite task turnover, contributing to efficient project delivery.
- Collaborated on construction documentation, producing precise, detailed drawings to support seamless project execution.



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Technical Skills

Rhino / Revit / AutoCAD / Lumion / D5 Render / Twinmotion / Enscape / Adobe Photoshop / Adobe Illustrator / Adobe InDesign / Microsoft Suite / Bluebeam

Project Awards

Dean's Thesis Award in Architecture
jun 2022

• The dean of the School of Building Arts presents this award to, “a graduate thesis project that embodies the transformative power of architecture in the creation and evolution of the built environment.” (Dean Geoffrey Taylor)

Gold, Silver, Bronze - (IDA)
jan 2022 & jan 2023

• Presented for the projects Terminale dell'Isola and Urban Wilderness (2022); Urban Arcology (2023).

Excellence - AIA Georgia Design Awards
oct 2021

• Presented for the project Terminale dell'Isola.

Editor's Choice Award - New Den-Cities
apr 2021

• For Urban Wilderness for New Den-Cities Intl. Competition.

Education

M.Arch - Savannah College of Art and Design
GPA: 3.94 | Savannah, GA

BFA Architecture - Savannah College of Art and Design
GPA: 3.91 | Savannah, GA

Volunteer Work

Africa Day - Humanitarian Design Charrette
feb 2019 | Savannah, GA

- Produced schematic ideas for the design of educational centers in poor communities in Ethiopia.

Accolades

AIA Gold Medal for Academic Excellence - AIA
jun 2022

- This medal is awarded to the student who has shown the highest average of excellence throughout the course of study in the architectural program.

Metropolis Future 100 - Metropolis Magazine
mar 2022

- Metropolis Magazine recognizes the top 50 interior design and top 50 architecture students graduating in 2022 in the United States and Canada. “You are part of an impressive group of rising leaders that is defining and reimagining the practice of architecture and interior design.” (Avinash Rajagopal, Editor in Chief of Metropolis Magazine)

Emerging Architectural Designer of the Year - IDA
jan 2022

- “This award will be given to a student who has demonstrated devotion to elevating the art of architecture.” (IDA)