

## PERSONAL NARRATIVE



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*Since the first word Jason uttered, he has dealt with the adversity felt by all architects when conveying their ideas. Born with a speech impediment, he was forced to channel his ideas and creativity through the use drawing or signals while talking in order to key others into his thoughts. After many years, Jason had to rethink, rehear, relearn like an architect years before entering NJIT for his undergraduate degree in architecture.*

Jason's mental filtering & strong level of concentration mixed with the visual communication skills he developed while living with his speech impediment has cultivated a highly creative & perceptual personality. It is with his good-will & nature that Jason has not looked at his impediment as a crutch, but rather as an instrument to aid others in overcoming their obstacles.

During college Jason was a member & Freshmen Retreat counselor for the Albert Dorman Honors College, a member of the Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society, an artist in the NJIT Art Society, & a peer mentor lecturing students in Adobe Photoshop & 3d Studio Max. Jason studied abroad in Siena Italy during the summer of 2008 & completed his degree one semester early earning the academic distinction of Magna Cum Laude. Jason was nominated & won honors many times for his studio work. Jason won 2 design competitions- a playground in Newark made from recycled material & a renovation of commuter section of the college cafeteria.

Jason was scouted to perform renderings for T.M. Rybak & Associates (TMR) in March of 2006. He worked during semester & summer. In December 2008 he was hired full-time after graduating. His work on projects have included: renderings for the NJ Devils Executive Offices (Prudential Center), design development of a renovation & logo design for the Colonnade Apartments (originally designed by Mies van der Rohe), & marketing campaigns & town presentations for a proposed YMCA in Carlstadt.

In 2008, he was crucial in the transition & office management of Bertone Cozzarelli Healthcare Architects (BCH) after they relocated to share space with TMR. He established cohesive logos, websites, brochures, & marketing campaigns for all the companies including the firm's construction management group and collaboration firm. He facilitated the technology integration between the companies as well as consolidating, updating & organizing the firms' libraries.

Besides graphics Jason has worked on several key projects for BCH including being the architectural design of a new 100,000 s.f. motorcycle showroom and working on two *pro-bono* project: a new Bloomfield Stadium (Foley Field) & the Belleville SOHO Park.

Jason has been crucial in the technological evolution of the firms, including providing input on integrating green design. Jason meets with clients, develops ideas, & creatively represents the finished work both in 2d and 3d. He has experienced all levels of the field including drafting, design, development, office management, graphics and meeting with inspectors, planning/zoning boards, construction managers and clients.