

# Sonja Atja Paul

BSc Interior Architecture | Final year student

A top achieving final year undergraduate student at the University of Pretoria studying BSc Interior Architecture.

I am interested in and inspired by designing inclusively for all people and those with disabilities, as well as the influence of interiors on human emotions and wellbeing. I aim to design functionally whilst maintaining a strong aesthetic to intrigue and capture the mind of the user

## CONTACT



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## EDUCATION

- 2019-present  
University of Pretoria  
Department of Architecture  
BSc Interior Architecture
- 2012- 2016  
C & N Meisieskool Oranje

## LANGUAGES



English

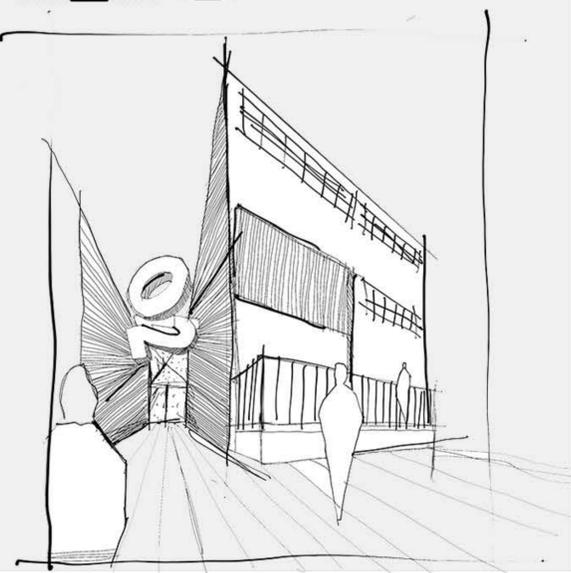


Afrikaans



German

## HOBBIES & INTERESTS



## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS



Adobe Photoshop



Microsoft Excel



Revit



Adobe InDesign



AutoCad



SketchUp

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2020-2021  
Member of the Golden Key Honour Society  
Class representative for 2020/2021
- 2012-2016  
Full academic colours  
RCL: 2012, 2014, 2016  
Deutsches Sprachdiplom: B1  
De Beers Olympiad: Bronze  
Rotary Prize Recipient for outstanding service in the community  
South African Drama College exams: Cum laude 2012-2015  
Sub-editor of school newspaper  
Level 1 First Aid Responder  
RAD Ballerina (15 years)

## GENERAL SKILLS



Administrative



Organisational



Leadership



Communication



Commercial awareness



Negotiation

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2018-2019  
Au Pair in Vienna, Austria to four young children  
Travel: Germany, Austria, France
- 2015-2016  
Waitress at restaurant Coco C

## REFERENCES

- Zakkiya Khan  
Lecturer: Second year design  
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- Dr Nico Botes  
Third year construction lecturer and first year studio design master  
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Dear Mr Charl-Pierre Celliers, Premier Hotels and Resorts

**RECOMMENDATION: SONJA PAUL**

It is my pleasure to recommend Sonja Paul for a position in your organisation.

Sonja is currently a student in the BSc Interior Architecture programme at University of Pretoria. I was her lecturer in her second year for Design and Design Theory and will lecture her in Material Studies this year (2021). Sonja is currently in her final (third year) of study.

Sonja is a strong designer. She has a natural ability to interrogate creative ideas and the self-discipline to resolve these in convincing design projects. She is strong in areas of conceptualisation, design research, and design resolution. She is iterative in her design approach. On an academic level, Sonja has achieved consistently high results.

Sonja is an enthusiastic, courteous, hard-working, and independent worker. She embraces challenges and new learning opportunities, which leads to continuous growth in her abilities. She conducts project research beyond the requirements of the brief and communicates with professionalism and passion. She is receptive to feedback. Sonja is self-reflective and able to evaluate her work with objectivity, resulting in a high standard of work for every project.

As a class representative, Sonja has continuously acted with respect and integrity towards her peers and lecturers. She possesses natural leadership characteristics and is an effective team-member. She contributes towards social cohesion among her classmates.

Sonja has demonstrated outstanding resilience and resourcefulness in her studies despite the challenges of lock-down and covid-19. She is effective at remote working.

I am proud to provide whole-hearted recommendation for Sonja Paul. I believe she will be a valuable team member in any company.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

**Zakkiya Khan**

*MInt (Prof) (Pret), BAS (UKZN)*

Co-ordinator BSc Interior Architecture, Lecturer in Interior Architecture Programme