



EMILY N. POTENZA

LIGHTING DESIGNER

Though entering Philadelphia University as an Interior Design major, Emily graduated with an Architectural degree and custom minor in Lighting Design. With a diverse interest in design, Emily started her professional career while in school at Bill Curran Design, to learn the process of designing and fabricating architectural metal work. In her senior year, Emily joined BEAM as a parttime intern to pair real life applications with her lighting design studies in class. Post graduation, Emily continued to develop her senior project, a Retrofit of a North Philadelphia K-8 school. Additionally, working as an Architectural Designer she combined her knowledge of lighting and spatial understanding while enhancing her graphic communication skills.

At BEAM, Emily is a Lighting Designer and an Emerging Professional in the field of lighting, assisting in the production of various projects. She completes presentations, detail drawings, calculations and lighting schedules, as well as assists in a marketing role for the firm when needed. Emily continues to learn about lighting, while pursuing her goal of designing for social justice. Her passions include drawing, painting and creating illuminated art.

FEATURED LIGHTING PROJECTS

GA Wellness Center. Fort Washington, PA
Germantown Academy gym, training + health space

Philadelphia Contemporary, Gallery. Philadelphia, PA
Net Zero floating art gallery on the Delaware River

Private Beach House. Ventnor City, NJ
8,000 sf beach front home

SAP NSQ Headquarters. Newtown Square, PA
20,000sf open plan corporate office space

Tribute Hotel. Gatlinburg, TN
6-story boutique hotel

1K1 Conshohocken. Conshohocken, PA
Façade lighting for Class A+ office building

23-27 Llanfair. Armore, PA
10 luxury apartments

34th Street Drexel. Philadelphia, PA
Streetscape and landscape lighting

39 Westmoreland. White Plains, NY
Historic renovation apartment complex

EDUCATION

Philadelphia University + Jefferson University, B.Architecture
Minor in Lighting Design 2021

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lighting Designer, BEAM 2021–present
Architectural Designer, Tevebaugh Architecture 2021
Intern Project Coordinator, Bill Curran Design 2019-2020

LEADERSHIP

National Society of Leadership and Success 2017-2021
Events Coordinator, The American Institute of Architecture Students JeffU Ch. 2018-2019
LEAD Program, Philadelphia University Spring 2018
Emerging Leaders Program, Philadelphia University Spring 2017

AWARDS + HONORS

Winner, IES Philadelphia Scholarship 2021
Winner, ARCC King Medal for Excellence in Architectural + Environmental Design Research 2021
Honorable Mention, IES Philadelphia *Design with Light* Competition 2021
Finalist, Solar Decathlon Design Challenge Spring 2021
1st Place, Jefferson C_ABE Glass Competition Spring 2019
1st Place, Jefferson C_ABE 3rd Year Lighting Design Competition Fall 2018