IAPD CURRENT STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

This past summer Jamie Causey had a really unique internship with a company called Ossur which is headquartered in Iceland. Ossur designs and makes prosthetic limbs, as well as, support braces for the body. Jamie worked on the “foot” team where she helped with new products for women and the updating of a user interface. During her time at Ossur she was able to do prototyping, testing and material exploration.

Ossur’s manufacturing was all done on-site so Jamie had the opportunity to use a variety of technology. She used SolidWorks, Rhino, 3D scanning software and Sublime for HTML coding. She did a lot of 3D printing with some Ultimakers and a much bigger precision printer for final prints that were then used for silicon molding and injection type prototyping.

During second year studio Jamie worked on the prosthetic design project with Professor Dustin Headley. Dustin presented their work at a medical conference in Florida where he met a representative from Ossur. Dustin was able to put Jamie and the Ossur representative in touch with each other to discuss the possibility of an internship.

The interview process between Ossur and Jamie went smoothly. “The interview was pretty laid back but I thought about what my strengths were and what kind of experiences I have had that set me apart. I thought about my personal design philosophy too. I think as long as you know yourself and what you stand for it is so much easier to get into a conversation. It makes me feel less nervous.”

Jamie enjoys the range of applications that a degree in IAPD offers. “I like knowing that I can apply what I am learning in IAPD to pretty much any kind of design: furniture, interiors, products, experiential etc.” Jamie is drawn to the product design emphasis. She enjoys how hands-on all her projects are and that she gets to explore different modeling technologies with each. Her favorite class thus far has been The Theory of Product Design with Dave Richter-O’Connell. He turned her on to the show ‘How It’s Made’ and she is obsessed!

ADVICE FROM JAMIE

“If you have the opportunity to go to another country and explore another culture, DO IT! It opened my eyes and my mind so much. Everyone says it and you’ll hear it all the time but I can’t express how true it really is. Get out there and see how other cultures deal with the same problems we do, design related or not. Also, if there was any time to reach for any wild dreams you have, now is the time to go after them. The worst anyone can say is no.” ~Jamie