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# MEGAN PAUL

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## SKILLS

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Concept Development  
Visioning  
Certified Sommelier  
Leadership Development

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## EXPERIENCE

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### **VARA DESIGN INC**

#### **PRESIDENT**

Feb 2012 - Present

Principal, lead creative, and primary decision maker of boutique interior design firm small business located in Aurora, IL. Diverse and varied duties include general small business owner tasks including human resources, financial planning and projecting, team management and supervision, marketing, problem solving, hiring, firing/discipline and performing employee reviews. Sales roles include lead sales generator, estimating/quoting, contract negotiator and project manager. Ensures all projects and art direction are executed professionally and representative of business brand. Takes active role in the community to network, collaborate and build relationships with other business owners and local city representation.

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## EDUCATION

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### **COLLEGE OF DUPAGE 2009-2011**

Interior Design Program

### **Court of Master Sommeliers**

Level 2 Sommelier Certification 2008

### **IIDA RED Award 2015**

Emerging Professional

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Residential Design

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## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE OR LEADERSHIP

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**Aurora Public Art Commission** - Board Member 2022

**Aurora Downtown** - Board Member 2017-2019

**Salt and Light Coalition** - Volunteer 2022