

**Intern, Amal Saad, Report  
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**R. D. Jones & Associates, Inc.**



**Amal Saad**

**Introduction**

**I would like to thank deeply the Baltimore/Luxor/Alexandria Sister City Committee for given me the biggest chance in my life to achieve my aims, it was my great hope to live in another country and learn more about my field, and also about the life in U.S.A. Definitely, these are very valuable experiences which it will help me in the future in my career.**

## My Daily Life at R. D. Jones & Associates, Inc.

- My responsibility as an interior design was to work closely with architects and interior designers to determine the structure of a space, the needs of the occupants, and the style that best suits both.
- I worked with the staff with color, fabric, furniture materials, and maintenance of all objects that define a space which improve my skills in design as a general.
- I received big knowledge of analyzes the client's needs, goals, and life and safety requirements.
- I shared in prepare working drawings and specifications and construction, materials, finishes, space planning, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment; drafting (hand or computer generated).
- Also I worked in creating illustrations and renderings, developing documents and specifications, organizing and arranging a space to suit its function, selecting fixtures, furnishings, products, materials and colors , creating interior details
- It was great to work in hospitality projects; it gives me great application about my studies.
- Also, the most important things are visiting furniture and fabric showrooms.
- Attended a lot of supplier



**presentations which gave me wide experience about material specifications and how to use it in each application such as meeting with :**

- **Fmi's Versa Fire Company which specialized in set tough new standards for any gas fireplace with an impressive flame presentation, the innovative fireplace captures all the latest visual and functional technologies, Fmi company offers a lot of designs which can be used either inside or outside.**
  - **Acoustical ceiling solution which specialized in design healthy building and care about improve indoor environmental quality, they show us how formaldehyde (an important industrial chemical used to make other chemicals, building materials , and household products) can cause a lot of trouble and offer us over 20 ceiling families with low formaldehyde or formaldehyde-free performance.**
  - **DeZahra, Stone Tiles Company offer a lot of tiles solution for unique architectural and decorative objects (columns- pedestals- borders & accents), custom stone fireplaces , glass tiles .**
  - **Versastone Company which specialized in hand crafted wall covering.**
  - **Duron Company which specialized in paints & wall covering and has wide variety of a color palette.**
- **Developing space planning, specifications, cost-estimates, etc.**

**All of these experiences helped me a lot to be more organized, to work close with different style of client and to be close with different material and how it goes together. This helps me to accomplish their work very rapidly and with high quality which improve my view, my inventions as an interior designer.**

## The Life In United States:

- **My stay in Baltimore given me an insight of the life in the USA as a general and has left positive impressions on me, especially when I worked close with Americans staff have so much experience.**
- **They are very particular about time-management. Rarely find them working late hours, or on weekends. They have their weekends pre-planned, and value their privacy, except when they have so much work have to finish in particular time they all care about it.**
- **Also I learned from Americans how I have to care about my health and concern about leisure time.**
- **They have great management they can easily work in group and maintain everyone to get perfect job.**
- **After all I learned how all the people are equal in everything, no difference between persons everyone has right to live his life.**
- **I learned a lot about most American festivals and was lucky to be volunteer in one of them "Flower Mart" I shared by cut lemon, put steak on it & sell it to the people it was fantastic to treat with people and share with them.**
- **Although it was three and half months in Baltimore, I still feel I need more time to know a lot about this**



**country just because this country has a lot of positive things to offer to young people to live, learn, and be positive in their communities.**

**I met with a lot of good people through the BLASCC that helped me to understand more about the life in USA and they showed me many places in Baltimore, Washington, DC, Annapolis and Virginia. So, I would like to thank all of them and hope to see them in Egypt soon. They are Eng. Abdelwahab Elabd, Eng. Stryker Sessions, Dr. Raouf Boules, Eng. Mohamed ELMenshawy, Mr. Mokhtar Kamel, Eng. Didi ELMenshawy, Mr. Ahmed Sary, Drs. Samia and Louis Elias and Dr. Joyce Jennings. Also, I had a lot of fun with the two Librarians from the Library of Alexandria; Amira and Rania.**



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