Benjamin Payne

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Education

Louisiana State University (LSU), Baton Rouge, Louisiana **August 2022 - May 2026**

Bachelor of Science in Textiles, Apparel, and Merchandising
Concentration: Apparel Design

GPA: 3.7

Relevant coursework: Apparel design, apparel construction, flat and CAD pattern design, draping, illustration, quality analysis, textile science, product development, couture embellishment, fashion history, visual merchandising, fashion sustainability

Work Experience

Brents Warehouse, Shreveport, LA **2025**
Intern
- Repaired damaged military surplus clothing.
- Photographed products for the Brents Warehouse online storefront.
- Helped curate collections of vintage items to be sold on the Brents Warehouse website.
- Fulfilled both retail and wholesale orders.

Banana Republic, Madisonville, LA **2022-2024**
Stylist
- Assisted customers with making purchases that fit their preferences and needs.
- Supported point-of-sale operations, inventory management, and merchandising.

Design Experience

New Orleans Fashion Week **2026**
- Designed and presented 10 original looks as a Featured Designer.
- Collection consisted of my senior collection with an expansion of 4 new looks.
- Collaborated with models, photographers, and event coordinators.

LSU Fashion Shows **2024, 2025, 2026**
- Junior collections (2024-2025) - Designed collections each consisting of 3 looks.
- Won 1st place for junior designers for my 2025 collection.
- Senior collection (2026) - Designed a collection consisting of 6 looks and 13 total garments.
- Won 2nd place for senior designers for my 2026 collection.

Knowledge & Skills

Design skills: Fashion illustration, digital illustration, technical flat illustration, flat pattern design, computer aided pattern design, draping, apparel construction, apparel collection development, style board creation
Business skills: Tech pack creation, apparel economics, visual merchandising, marketing, accounting, trend research & analysis
Computer applications: Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Optitex, CLO 3D, Microsoft Excel