# Regina K. Salerno

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#### **FASHION MERCHANDISING & MARKETING**

Strengths: Communication | Relationship Building | Time Management | Team Projects | Cross-Functional Collaboration | Multitasking

Technology: Microsoft Office Suite: Word, Excel, PowerPoint | Adobe Creative Suite: Photoshop, Illustrator | Canva

Collaborative, creative, and diligent individual with a solid foundation in the principles of visual merchandising, market trends, and brand messaging gained through in-depth coursework, hands-on workshops, internship experience, and employment. Well versed in social media strategies, styling practices, and ecommerce with a strong interest in buying, merchandising, and consumer behavior. Background includes organized work habits, a meticulous approach to every project, and a proven ability to identify emerging trends, create mood boards, and develop innovative strategies to integrate fashion merchandising with broader marketing initiatives.

----- Areas of Training & Experience ------

- Digital Content Creation
- Social Media Management
- Retail Operations Support
- Trend Analysis & Forecasting • Customer Service & Relations
- Window & In-Store Display Creation
- Retail Marketing Strategies
- Apparel Analysis
- Personal Styling

#### **EDUCATION**

#### GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, Statesboro, GA

May 2024

B.S. in Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design | Emphasis in Merchandising GPA: 3.5

#### **Academic Honors**

Dean's List (2022) | President's List (2023, 2024) | HOPE Scholarship Recipient

#### **INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE**

## **NAVANO APPAREL** (Remote Internship – Global Fashion Athleisure Clothing Company) **Fashion Merchandising & Marketing Intern**

Spring 2024

- Contributed to Navano's social media platforms and strong influencer program, creating engaging social media content, including high-quality product videos and fashion-focused posts, which resulted in a significant boost to online audience engagement.
- Credited with introducing creative social media strategies with the CEO noting skills in bringing "fresh perspectives to crossfunctional discussions and elevating the brand's image through innovative video content and styling projects."
- Effectively collaborated with Marketing, SEO, and Strategy interns, integrating fashion merchandising insights into marketing initiatives to enhance brand cohesion, including the introduction of a unisex category.
- Conducted market research, assisted with product sourcing, and developed thorough and visually appealing market trend reports / presentations, delivering actionable insights to cross-functional teams and stakeholders.
- Successfully identified emerging athleisure trends and aligned them with brand vision, suggesting innovative and commercially viable product ideas to the development pipeline.

### **EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

#### **AMERICAN EAGLE OUTFITTERS, Buford, GA Brand Ambassador**

- Worked with customers to assess needs, leveraging an eye for aesthetics to make recommendations and ensure fit while engaging and maintaining consistency with the in-store customer journey with brand standards.
- Collaborated with visual managers to support floor layout, plan-o-gram implementation, and the roll-out of product placement.
- Gained insight and experience in retail store operations including inventory control, loss prevention, return authorizations, regional allocation strategies, seasonal trend statements, and creative display merchandising.