

# AJ Fortney

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Fashion journalism and styling student with experience in editorial content, vintage fashion retail, styling, and fashion event production. Skilled in creative direction, visual storytelling, and fashion writing. Experience working with fashion teams, small businesses, and editorial projects. Seeking opportunities in fashion media, styling, and creative production.

## EDUCATION

### **Bachelor of Fine Arts, Fashion Journalism**

*Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA – June 2022 - Present*

### **St. Mary's Central High School**

*Bismarck, ND – Class of 2021*

## EXPERIENCE

### **Editor in Chief — TUCK Zine**

*San Francisco, CA – January 2026 - Present*

- Lead editorial direction for a student fashion publication.
- Oversees content planning, writing, and visual storytelling.
- Collaborate with photographers, writers, and stylists to produce editorial content.

### **Mentee — GAP Inc**

*GAP Inc Mentorship Program, San Francisco, CA – February 2026 - Present*

- Selected participant in mentorship program with senior leaders in fashion editorial and visual merchandising.
- Received professional guidance on fashion media, brand voice, and creative strategy.

### **Fashion Dresser — Thom Browne**

*Thom Brown for GQ Bowl, San Francisco, CA – February 2026*

- Assisted with wardrobe dressing and backstage styling coordination during fashion event production.
- Supported stylists and production team during live event preparation.

### **Stylist and Assistant Manager — Tastee Vintage**

*Fargo, ND – November 2023 - July 2025*

- Styled vintage looks for customers and content creation.
- Curated women's vintage clothing inventory for resale.
- Assisted with store operations, visual merchandising, and local fashion events.
- Contributed to social media content and promotional material.

### **Server — Blarney Stone Irish Pub**

*Fargo, ND – January 2023 - January 2025*

- Delivered customer service in a high-volume environment.
- Managed transactions and maintained strong guest relations.

### **Fashion Consultant & Buyer — Uptown Cheapskate**

*Fargo, ND – March 2022 - June 2022*

- Evaluated and purchased resale fashion inventory.
- Provided styling assistance and product recommendations to customers.

### **Sales Associate — Forever 21**

*Fargo, ND – November 2021 - February 2022*

- Assisted customers with product selection and styling.
- Maintained visual merchandising standards on the sales floor.

### **Document Scanner — North Dakota Real Estate Office**

*Bismarck, ND – September 2020 - January 2021*

- Managed digital document organization and administrative support.

## **SKILLS**

- Fashion styling
- Editorial styling
- Fashion writing
- Visual storytelling
- Creative direction
- Fashion content creation
- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe Photoshop
- Retail fashion sales
- Visual merchandising
- Customer service
- Event styling support
- Social media content creation
- Leadership and team collaboration

## **ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP**

*Board Member, Beyond the Front Row Fashion Club, Academy of Art University*

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION**

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