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**Founder & VP – Power of One for All, Inc. Est. 2017**

Education Non Profit – [www.powerofoneforall.net](http://www.powerofoneforall.net)

Created exclusively to fund the needs of inner city NYC public high school students. Grants and Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need.

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**Entrepreneur - Suburban Couturier Est. 2025**

Tailoring Services & Instruction – [www.suburbancouturier.com](http://www.suburbancouturier.com)

Continuing the joys of sartorial teaching to private clients in Rockland County

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## Technology Experience

**Creator and Author:**

[www.rosaisabelchavez.com](http://www.rosaisabelchavez.com) - Personal blog

[Lessons Learned](#) - podcast on Podcasters and Pocket Casts

[www.msvirtualchavez.com](http://www.msvirtualchavez.com) - CTE classroom website

[www.poofa.org](http://www.poofa.org) - Non-Profit created for the financially disadvantaged students of HSFI

[www.suburbancouturier.com](http://www.suburbancouturier.com) - Entrepreneurial Endeavor

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## Academic Environment Experience

**Sept. 2010 – Present**

**High School of Fashion Industries**

Chelsea, N.Y.

**Career and Technical Education Teacher – Fashion Design Instructor & Admissions Associate**

Teaching the processes of fashion design to all high school level students, from research, design to final fit.

Courses include Fashion Draping, Design, Illustration, Construction, Patternmaking and State Exam - NOCTI.

Yearly research, planning, organizing of more than 1,000+ audition candidates for possible entry for freshmen class.

Planning and Organizing of various annual NYC High School Admissions and CTE Fairs

- Recruiting Student Ambassadors for all events
- Design HSFI school brochures and updating school website
- Present, promote, connect job opportunities to students

**January 2023 – March 2025**

**The New York Sewing Center**

New York City, New York

**Hobby Based Sewing and Womens Wear Techniques Teacher**

Teaching the processes of fashion design to adult and private students, from research, design to final fit.

Courses include beginners sewing, advanced sewing, alterations, home goods creations and lingerie.

**Sept. 2012 – June 2022**

**Study Abroad Coordinator of Pre College Programs**

Plan, organize, and promote College Credit earning Study Abroad program in Florence, Italy

- Florence University of the Arts & Lorenzo de Medici University

Fundraise through non-profit Power of One For All, Inc to facilitate financially challenged student attendance

Coordinate and accompany 20+ Juniors and Seniors to Italy for 4 to 6 weeks

- Program totaled +75 inner city students earning College Credit

**Feb. 2003 – June 2003**

**Bronx Theatre High School**

Riverdale, N.Y.

**Costume Design Teacher**

Taught the processes of costume design to high school level students, from research, design to final fitting for theater productions.

Performance and Written exams given to a class of twenty to thirty students

**Mar. 1998 – Jan. 2003**

**New York City Department of Education**

New York City, N.Y.

[Success Via Apprenticeship](#)

**Substitute Teacher**

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## Industry Environment Experience

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**March 2009 – March 2010**

**Albert Chloe**

**Salt Lake City, Utah**

**Leather Handbags Technical Designer and Production Follower**

Designed and oversaw from concept to creation of first prototypes made in Florence, Italy

Advised and oversaw the planning and creation of existing designs with Italian factories

Assist in International leather and accessories fairs in Bologna and Milan, Italy

Continuous communication with Italian factories and suppliers for the production of the collection

Sourcing of luxury retailers in the New York City area for vending collaboration

**Jan. 2008 – March 2009**

**ZUFI ALEXANDER**

**London, UK**

**Florence, Italy**

**Leather Handbags and Accessories Technical Designer**

Designed and oversaw from concept to creation of first prototypes for all four seasons of the companies first line and bi-annual seasons of the fusion line

Assistant and technical designer of head designer for projects in collaboration with Giuseppe Zanotti Designs, Isetan Designs and Morabito Designs

Assisted in every national leather fair for research in current and upcoming trends

Translation of materials for administration English to Italian and vice-versa

**Sept. 2005 – Mar. 2008**

**PIEROTUCCI srl**

**Florence, Italy**

**Leather Handbags and Accessories Designer**

Commercial Directors Assistant Business Developer

Designed and oversaw from concept to creation all three collections owned and registered by the company

Assisted in every national leather fair for research and sales

Handled all international accounts for retail and distribution

Translation of materials for administration and the company retail website from English to Italian and vice-versa

Overseas vendor for all three collections

Sales Rep for company boutiques

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## Certification & Education

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**NYS Textile Production and Fabrication (Clothing Trades) 7-12 – Professional Certificate**

**2012 – 2014**

**New York Institute of Technology**

**New York City, New York**

**Masters of Science**

**Instructional Technology with Distinction**

**2000 - 2005**

**Fashion Institute of Technology at Polimoda**

**Florence, Italy & NYC**

**Bachelors of Fine Arts, Fashion Design**

**Magna Cum Laude**

**1993 - 1998**

**City College of New York**

**New York City, New York**

**Education Credits Obtained via SVA program**

## Languages

Spanish Fluent (Mother Tongue)

English Fluent (Second Mother Tongue)

Italian Spoken and Read Fluently, Written Well