

Rebecka Buller Bio:

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Rebecka Buller grew up with an affinity for art and cars. She attended CCS to study Transportation Design with an exchange in Paris, France to receive her BFA in 2005. Her career as a car designer began that same year. She later had the opportunity to do an international assignment in the UK where she worked on creative projects that pertained to advanced vehicles. Ranging from electric cars, to SUVs, to Advanced Design, Rebecka has worked as an Exterior Designer for all four brands at GM, and is currently working in the GMC Design Studio. She has been a three-year mentor for CarDesignNews, a guest speaker for several design events and has been a guest teacher at various design schools and high schools. Rebecka believes that cars can be a reflection of one's personality and considers them to be a way for people to express themselves. She also believes that creativity is one of the most powerful skills to possess and is a crucial tool for success.

Benjamin Zavala Bio:

Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Ben Zavala found himself drawing cars well before even knowing it could be a profession. He studied Transportation Design at The University of Cincinnati after expressing an interest in their co-op program. During this time, he was able to gain industry experience designing everything from toy cars, to forklifts, to tractors, and eventually Cadillacs. Ben ultimately became a full-time designer at General Motors in 2014 after graduating from UC and has been involved in designing in several different studios within GM. He has also contributed to teaching younger design students, ranging from middle school students who are new to the idea of design as a profession, up to college students who major in industrial design. To Ben, working in a design field has not only been an outlet for artistic interests, but it's been an opportunity to solve problems and challenge the way things are done.