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experience

2022 - ongoing | architect at Mcmillan Pazdan Smith Architecture

Charlotte, NC

Focus on higher education market. Designed across all phases from conceptual design through construction documentation. Active role in construction administration, coordinating design decisions with consultants, engineers, and contractors, and maintaining client relationships for multiple mid to large sized projects.

summer 2021 | architectural intern at McAllister Architects PC

Alexandria, VA

Holistically involved in 12 small to large scale projects, assisting with contract procurement, performing site visits and surveys, and developing schematic designs while producing the corresponding construction documents for permit applications in the Northern Virginia and DC area.

accreditations

north carolina board of architecture

license no. 17297 ncarb certificate

certificate no. 112181

american institute of architects member

education

2022 | bachelor of architecture at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University summa cum laude

workshops

2022 | VT Design Workshop for the Blind and Visually Impaired at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, coordinator

immersive workshop introducing visually impaired students to building design and empowering them to play an active role in shaping their environment through drawing and 3D-modelling exercises.

awards

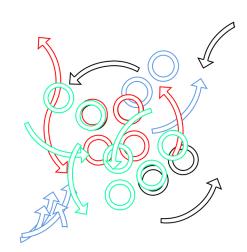
2023 | best original design Charlotte AIA CANstruction MPS + Clancy & Theys Construction

2022 | undergraduate thesis award for "moment of crisis: be water" Virginia Tech School of Architecture

2020 | first place VT VA4LE 2020 Student Design

Competition 2020 | first place

IIBEC Mid-Atlantic & Virginia Chapters Student Design Competition







Autodesk Autocad | Revit | Infraworks | Insight Adobe Photoshop | Illustrator | Indesign After Effects | Premiere Pro Lightroom Rhino + Grasshopper Advanced Manufacturing & Prototyping Ultimaker Cura | Simplify3D Microsoft Office **Bluebeam Revu** Visualization Software Twinmotion | V-Ray | Enscape Web Design (HTML, CSS, CMS, NodeJS, PHP) Computer Science (JS, Python, Java)

about me

I am a young architect with experience in higher education design, seeking to improve the built environment and make a positive impact in the daily lives of those who use and live in our creations. In my free time, I love photography, reading books, coding, and playing video games.



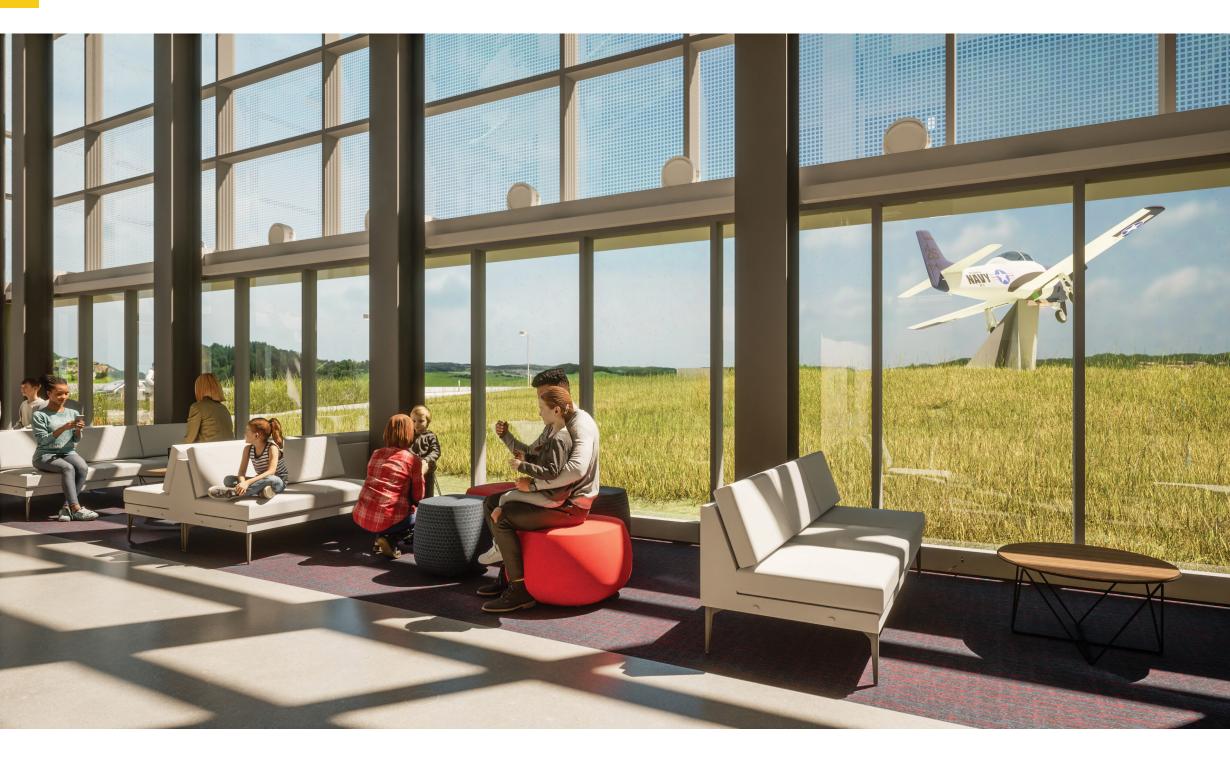
Hickory Aviation Museum & Catawba Valley Community College Workforce Innovation Complex

2023-2025 Under Construction

Hickory, NC

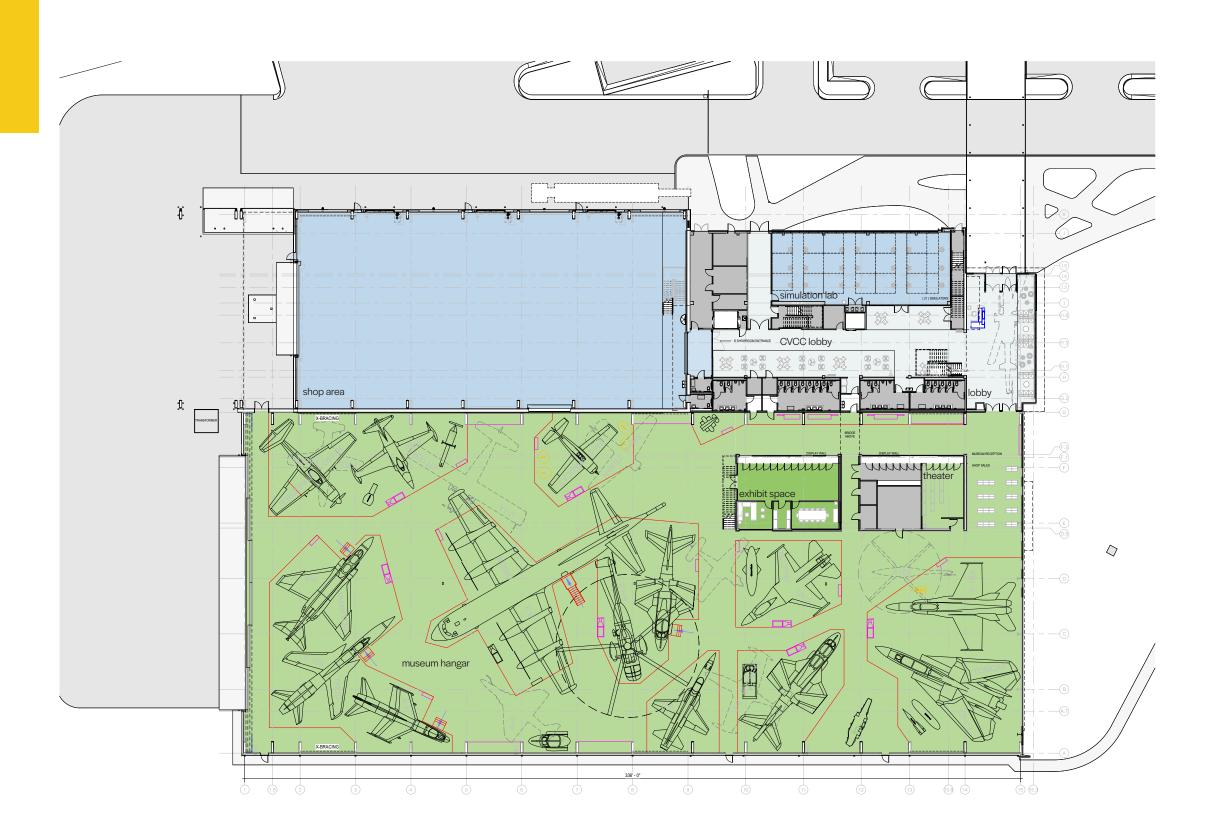
A roughly 100,000 SF complex housing Hickory's Aviation Museum, classrooms, simulation labs, a shop area for avionics & hydronics, and a shell restaurant space for future upfit.

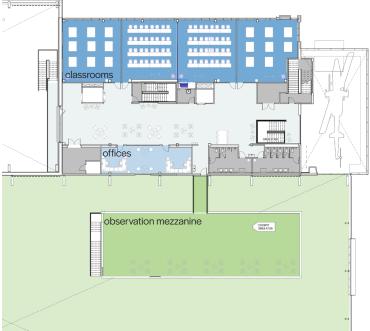
Mcmillan Pazdan Smith Architecture Principal in Charge: Jana Hartenstine Project Architect: John McLean Project Designers: Isaiah Ho, Dean Crouch, Grant Cascone, Madeline Cost Interior Designer: Delia Guzman

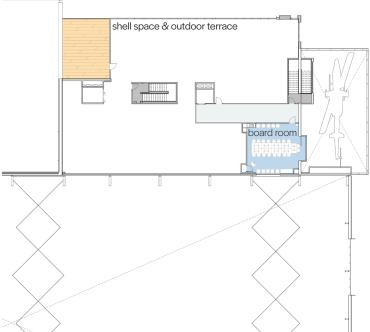


A unique collaboration between the city of Hickory, Hickory Aviation Museum, and Catawba Valley Community College, this 100,000 SF project serves as a keystone educational institution promoting military aviation and preserving aviation history while raising up the next generation of the aviation workforce.

Situated on the Hickory Regional Airport grounds, the building features a hanagr that houses the museum's aircraft collection, a simulation lab, classrooms, and third floor shell space for a future restaurant. A large shop area allows for a variety of avionics and hydronics workshops to be set up for education and practical application.



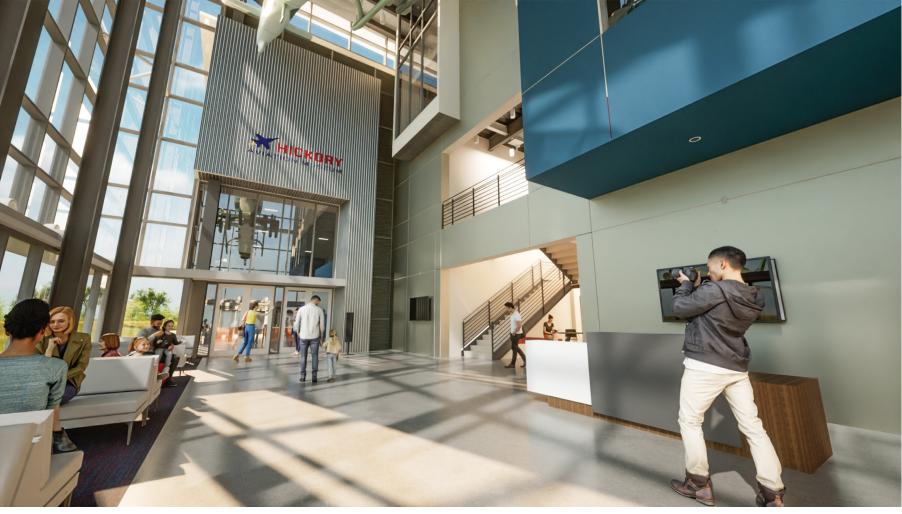




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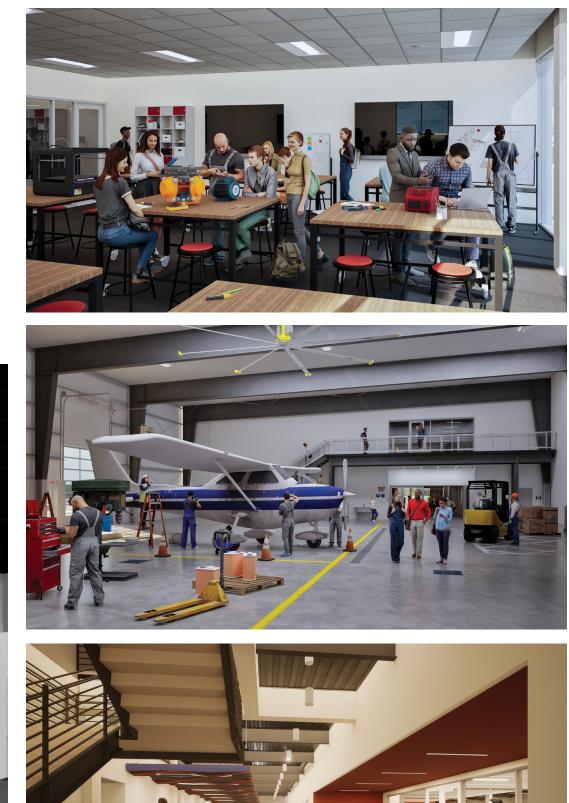
pictured above: CVCC lobby and main entrance to the building
pictured top right: east facade of the building
pictured right: view of the main lobby, looking towards the museum entrance





pictured below: museum hangar and observation mezzanine pictured from top to bottom on right: classroom, shop area, and CVCC lobby corridor on the next page: construction photos



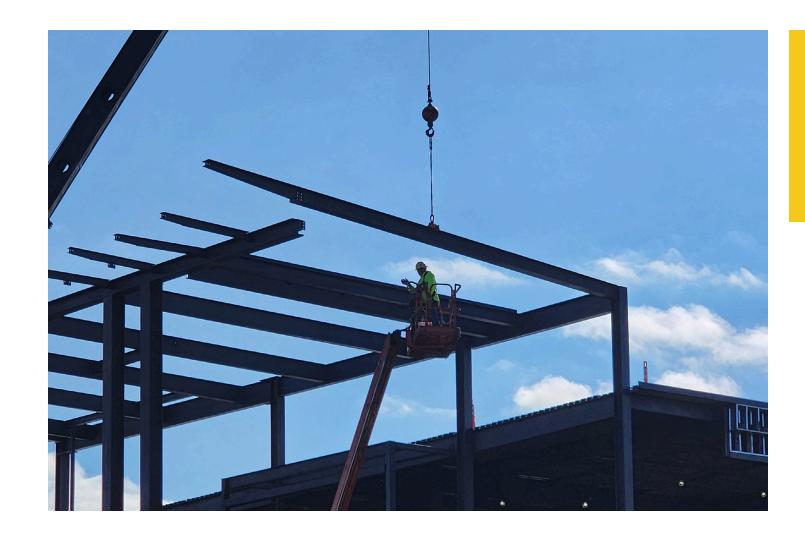






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Central Piedmont Community College Spa, Salon, & Barbering Renovation

2024-2026 Estimated Completion

Charlotte, NC

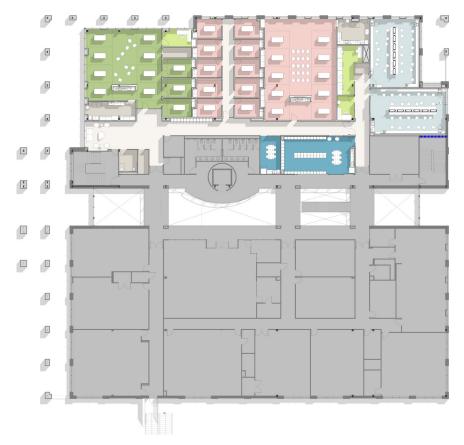
A 24,000 SF renovation of an existing classroom building on Central Piedmont's Harris campus, rehousing their existing salon and massage therapy programs, and introducing a new barbering program.

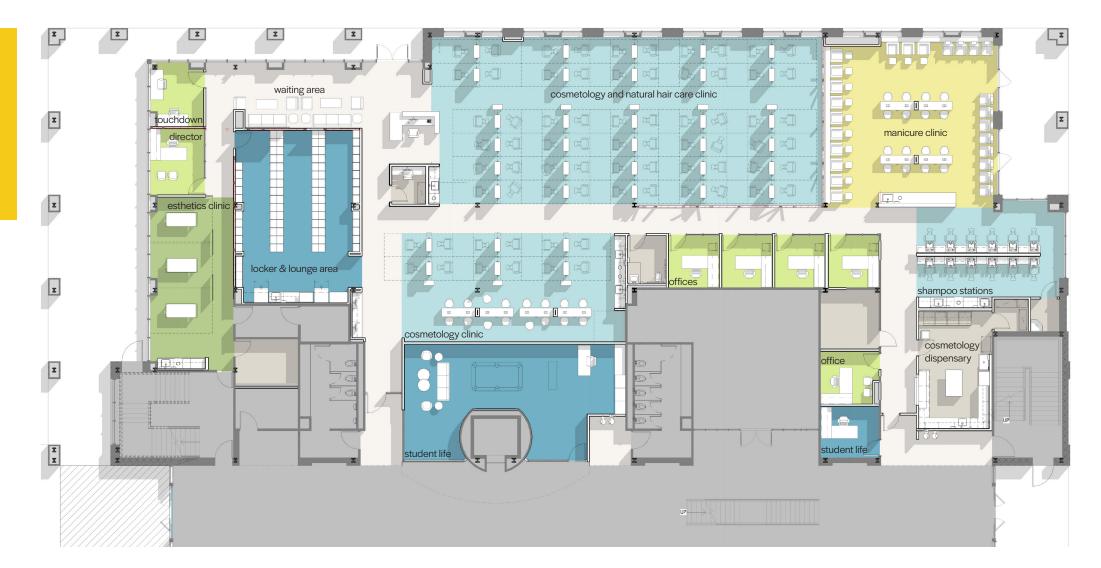
Mcmillan Pazdan Smith Architecture Principal in Charge: Jana Hartenstine Project Architects: My Do & Isaiah Ho Interior Designer: Delia Guzman The project team was tasked with developing new clinic and practice spaces for rapidly growing cosemtology and massage therapy programs - some locations in North Carolina have over 500 people on the waitlist to get into a program. The first floor houses 80 workstations for cosmetology and natural hair care work, and a dedicated area for those practicing solely manicure or esthetics.

The barbering program will be brand new for CPCC, tapping into a market that has large potential for growth but has not seen the needed support from the education side yet. 26 stations allow for a full cohort of students, running both day and evening shifts.

Upstairs houses the esthetics and massage lab classrooms, along with the private massage suite for public clients. Classrooms for theory and first year practice are also located on the second floor.







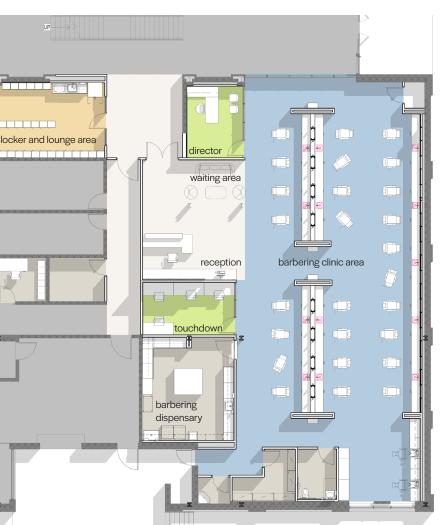
Cosmetology programs have strict requirements and regulations on clinic space, defining the types of spaces required, the spacing between stations, and various other constraints, making the problem of space planning a challenging but fun exercise.

Key to the function of the clinic space is the locker and lounge area for incoming students, and the dispensary, where hair products are kept and laundry is done. Offices are positioned to have clear views of the stations, allowing faculty to constantly observe students.

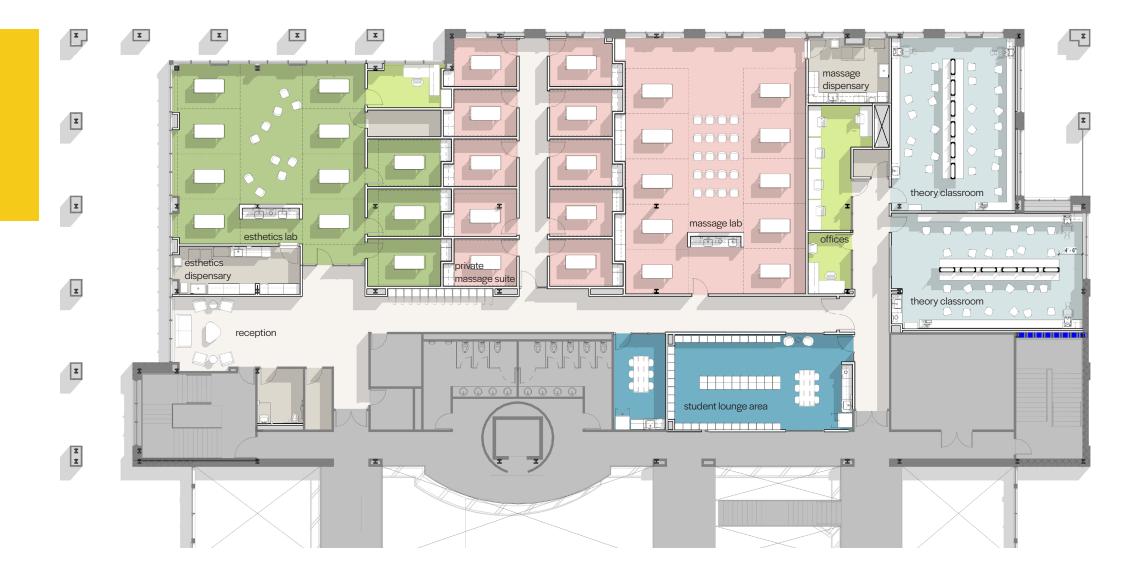
A unique challenge was the presence of existing sturctural shear walls, forcing the design team to think outside the box and embrace the existing condition.

The barbering area posed its own unique challenges - the existing space was designed for a baking and pastry arts program, resulting in little natural light. A translucent wall panel system was designed to help mimic the presence of natural light in the space without modifying the envelope, which would be costly.





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A key consideration during the planning process was that esthetics and massage therapy are much quieter programs and do not have the same sound or activity level as the louder cosmetology and barbering programs down on the first floor. These programs have been separated from the theory and first year classrooms and student lounges on the southeast portion of the floor plan. These programs use an interactive learning layout, frequently switching from lecture to practical application at the massage beds on the perimeter of the classroom. A secondary reception area allows for massage therapy students to receive clients after they have checked in downstairs. pictured below: cosmetology & massage therapy reception desk area pictured from top to bottom on right: cosmetology workstations, custom millwork and photo cube, esthetics lab classroom





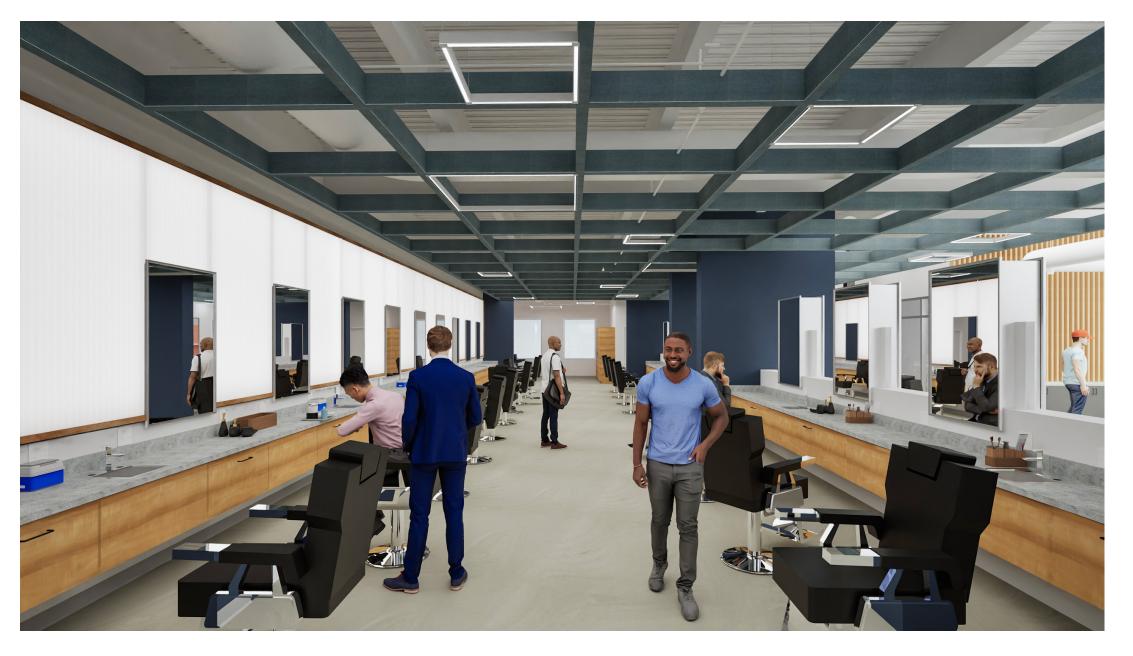




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pictured on top left: student lounge area
pictured on bottom left: private massage room
pictured on right: barbering area with translucent wall panel

Appalachian State University Peacock Hall Addition and Renovation

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2022-2026 Estimated Completion

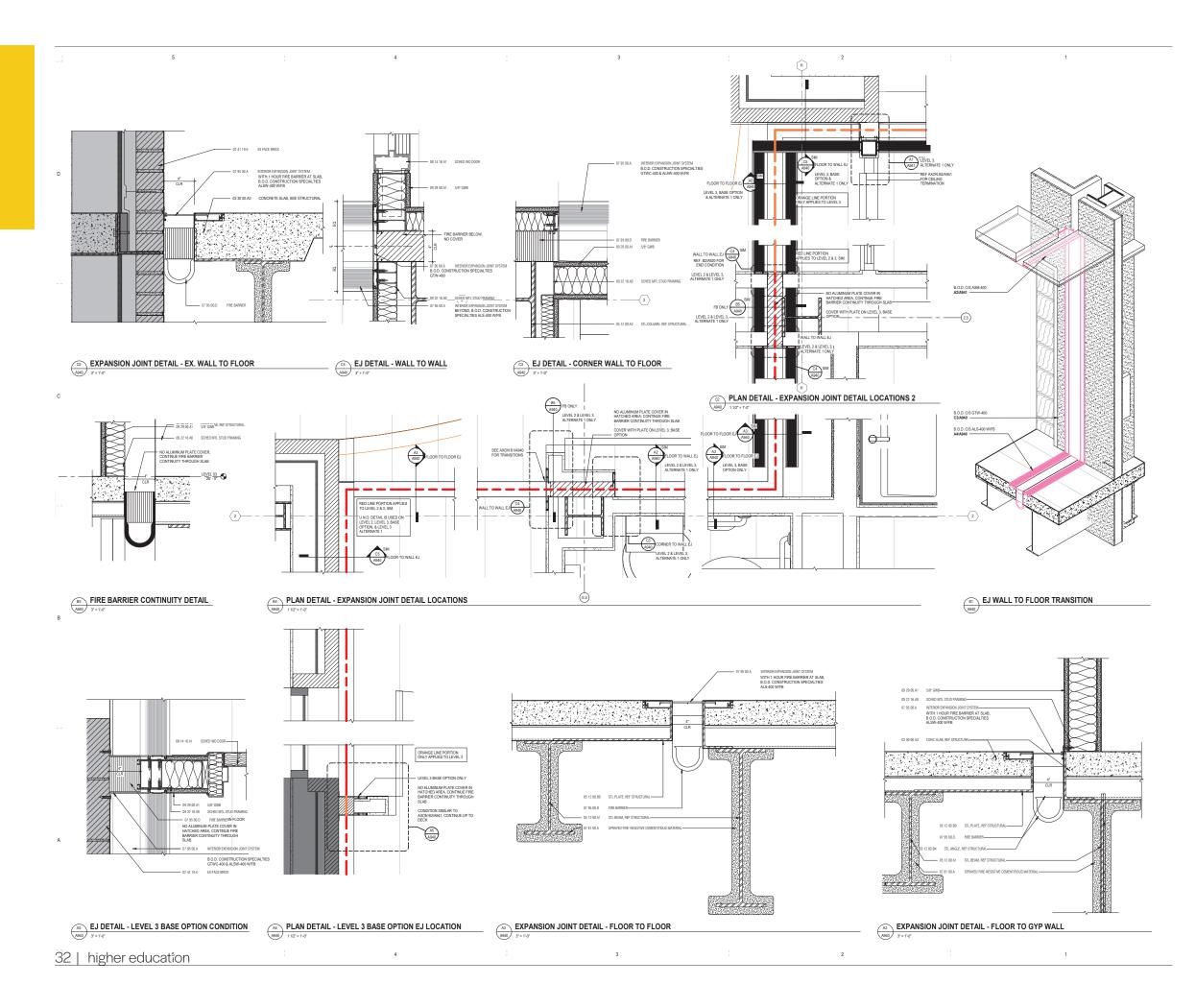
Boone, NC

A 50,000 SF addition and renovation of Peacock Hall, home of the Walker College of Business, brings new classrooms, learning labs, and large common areas for collaboration and campus events.

Mcmillan Pazdan Smith Architecture ikon5 Architects

Design Team: Scott Baker, Matt Allen, Lynn Halling, Isabella Giammatteo, Saverio Manago, Chelsea Granado, Sam Olmstead, Isaiah Ho





My work on this project focused primarily on producing the construction documentation, with a focus on the complex interior expansion joints dividing the existing building and the new addition.

Ensuring continuity of the expansion joint and managing transitions between floor, wall, and ceiling resulted in a enlarged plan showing all locations of sections and details and what floor they appeared on.







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Leader Yields To the Streets

China Faces a Setback on an Extradition Bill

BV KEITH BRADSHER HONG KONG - Carrie Lam, the chief executive of Hong Kong, has a very loyal majority in the territory's legislature. She has the complete backing of the Chinese government. She has a huge bureaucracy ready to push her agenda.

Yet on Saturday, she was forced to suspend indefinitely her monthslong effort to win passage of a bill that would and China, Talwan a. where. Mrs. This decurrence of the bigger reat on a since retreat on a set tier China since AI Jin the country's top Huge c towels of ators had taken eets in increas Local busine turned ag inst M 1g**A**C even Beij ing to question her judgn picking a fight on an issue th they regard and distraction from their real proverses the passage of stringent national security legis-lation in Horges ong.

The risk for the Hong Kong government/i□hat the public particularly the young, may develop the impression that the only way to stop unwanted policy initiatives is through violent protests. With each successive major issue since Britain returned Hong Kong to Chinese rule in 1997, the level of violence at protests has risen before the government has relented and changed course.

As many as a million people marched peacefully a week ago against the extradition bill. But Continued on Page 16

HOW IT ALL BEGAN A sensational murder case helped set off the protests in Hong Kong. PAGE 14





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This article is by Mike Ives, Ezra Cheung and Elsie Chen.

HONG KONG — Anti-govern ment protesters clashed with Hong Kong riot police on Tuesday, crippling the airport for the second straight day and targeting a potent symbol of the city's position as a global center of commerce and finance that is essential to China.

the airport to suspend check-ins, creating long delays for passengers and forcing airlines to cancel hundreds of flights over the past two days. After a chaotic night, check-ins resumed on Wednesday morning, but the airport warned that flights would be rescheduled and Hong Kong's



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he mass demonstration was one of the largest in the city's hising fear and anger over the eropart from the rest of the country.

THE TIMES

Autonomy

Organizers said they counted more than one million on the streets, or nearly one in seven Hong Kong residents.

The protest recalled the pro-democracy Umbrella Movement of the civil liberties that have five years ago, which paralyzed dent Xi Jinping, the party's ger ral of the city's main commercial districts but failed to persuade

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there is a c r i s i s in hong kong. a culture is going

extinct.



This thesis is a statement about what could be and should be-a remembrance of what used to be, and what is to come. It is a reminder that architecture has a voice and the agency to radically change things. In this case, this opportunity is my attempt to reclaim the one that got away, an escape.

It is already too late to save Hong Kong and the way of living that existed for 20 years. Hong Kong is in a constant state of disappearance; nothing can survive in the city. And yet, as Karen Cheung writes in her memoir, The Impossible City:

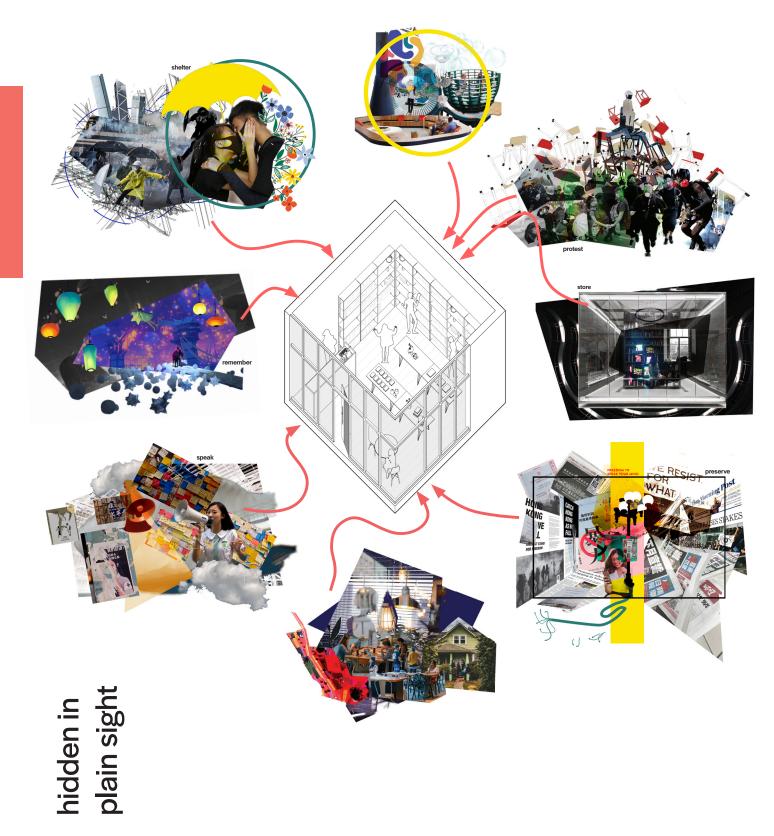
in a place that had never allowed you to write your own history, even remembrance can be a radical act.

Architecture cannot come alive without the people that inhabit it. And it is through people that things are allowed to survive, to be passed from generation to generation. In some sense, this thesis is about the power of architecture and the people who live and interact with it. Architecture is a medium of cultural impermanence, a vehicle of life and memory, an expression of collective consciousness, the spirit of community. It can accomplish this through the use of a parasitic modular kit-of-parts architecture, breaking down the elements that define wall, roof, building into parts accessible for the masses and easily moved and distributed. Architecture now becomes universally comprehensible and creatable with simple techniques, which makes the above possible.

Maybe I'm just trying to prove to myself that I am a Hong Konger - that through this thesis my work will allow me to call my heritage a city I belong in. Maybe it's the guilt I feel for being fortunate enough not to be stuck in the chaos, to be an armchair activist, cheering on from the sidelines. I don't get to choose my circumstances or the privileges that I get. But I have the opportunity to resist it and to do something - and that is what this thesis is.

i've got it claire.

it was right in front of us the whole time: a bookstore.



hmm? got what?







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bookstore as typology

Proverbial hearth of democratic culture in Hong Kong Bastion of free speech and dissemination of knowledge between mainland China and Hong Kong

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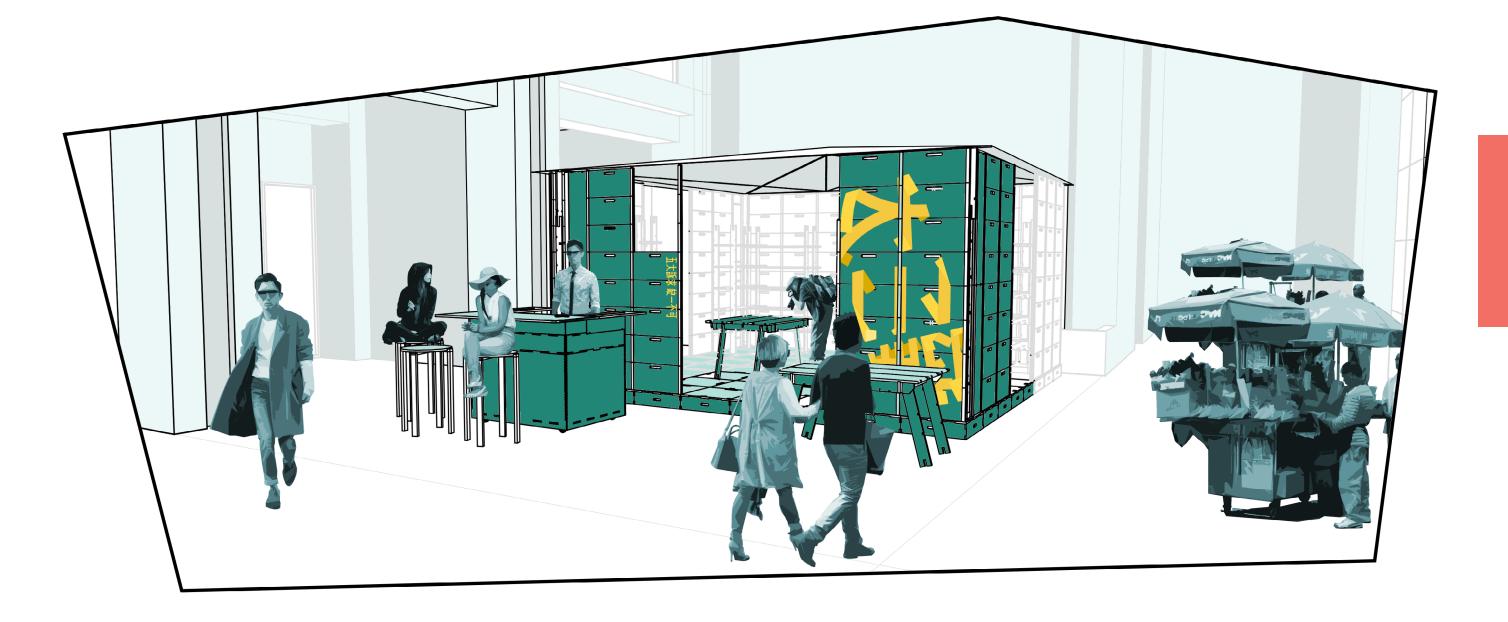


11 Mee Lun Street floor plans Pop-up store

The third location is Mee Lun Street—a pedestrian walkway tucked away from the bustling main streets.

This location was picked in particular because it showcases the way this project can activate spaces far beyond the physical boundaries of the space the architecture inhabits.





hey noir, we did it.

I was worried it wouldn't stand up, that we made a miscalculation in the designs. But wow. She's perfect.

I just hope that the books don't get wet.

don't jinx it.

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thanks, claire. let's get out of here.

i'm not *that* out of shape.

noir, watch out!

put your mask on, quick here's a table top. use it as a shield - we don't have

time - we need to leave now.

you think you can keep up?

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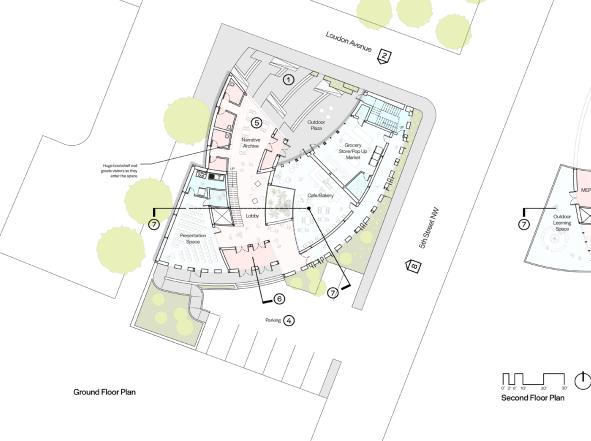
the core: a new heart for the community

Located on the corner of 5th Street and Loudon Avenue, the new social justice center serves as a beacon for the community. It welcomes the public and creates a core for the neighborhood to gather in, becoming a new heart that provides life and supports an underserved community. Like a heart, two halves come together and overlap. One half invites the public to interact and experience the neighborhood, while the other welcomes and serves the community. Together they work in tandem, bringing the community together for positive change and granting learning opportunities for both new and old alike. It also provides pop-up markets, making produce and other groceries easily accessible.

The building addresses the intricate historical context of the site through the narrative archive. As the heart of the project, the archive features a huge bookshelf wall and space for temporary exhibits and workshops that provide an opportunity to relive history and understand the neighborhood better. For the exterior, the use of terracotta respects the material culture of Roanoke while pushing boundaries of sustainability and innovation. A huge aperture facing towards downtown Roanoke maintains a connection towards the greater context and fabric of the urban environment. On the opposite side, the outdoor plaza beckons the community to come and visit. The series of steps and platforms create a warm and grand entrance, allowing the building to wrap its arms around the residents and say, "welcome home".

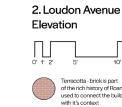


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4. South Exterior Perspective

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