



# Student Portfolio

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Team A's three benches have gently curving seats featuring an epoxy infill diagram of three connecting segments of the Mississippi River. This idea was based on the famous Mississippi River flood plain maps created by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the 1930s. Team A built these benches for the Football stadium.

Bench A - steel and cypress



Team B's elegant design features end pieces of steel that drape over the back rest and support the slatted seat. Team B designed and built these benches for the Women's Volleyball venue.

Bench B- steel and cypress

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Team C's three benches are solid cypress with an interwoven corner detail that makes it very strong. C benches were built for the Tennis venue.

Bench C - cypress

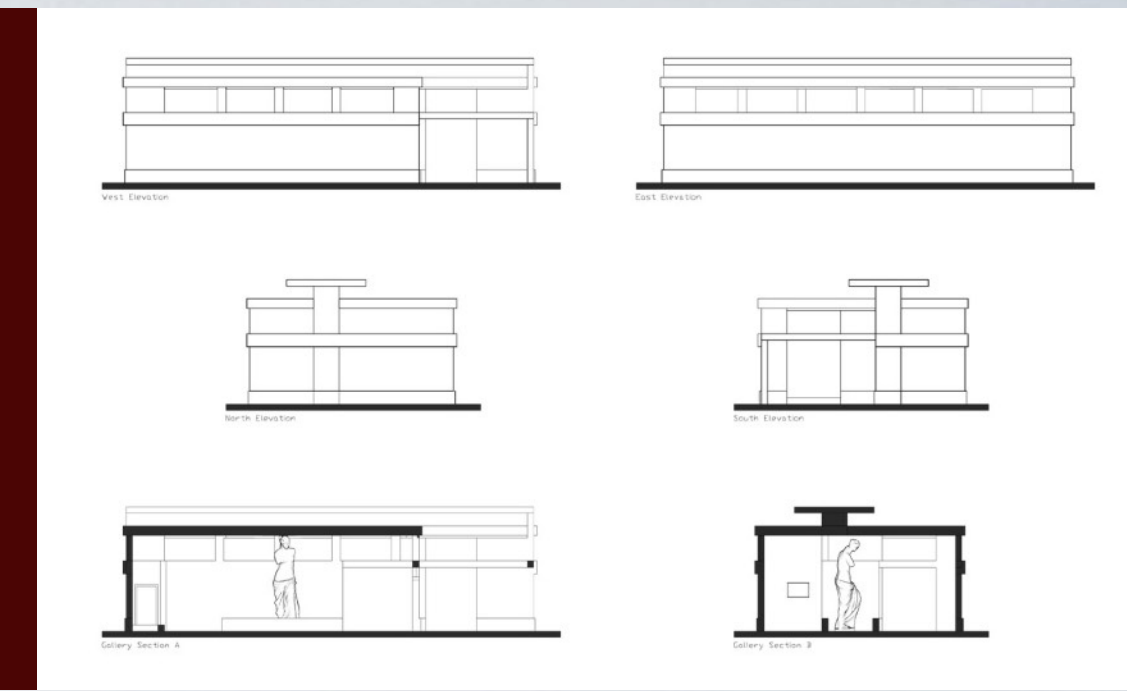
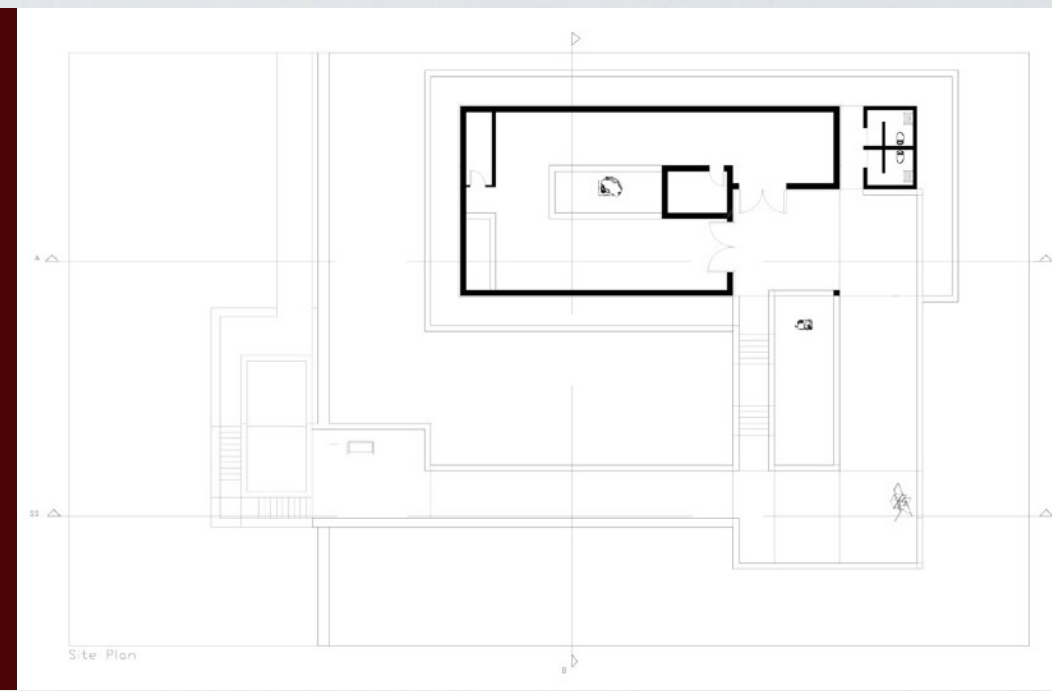
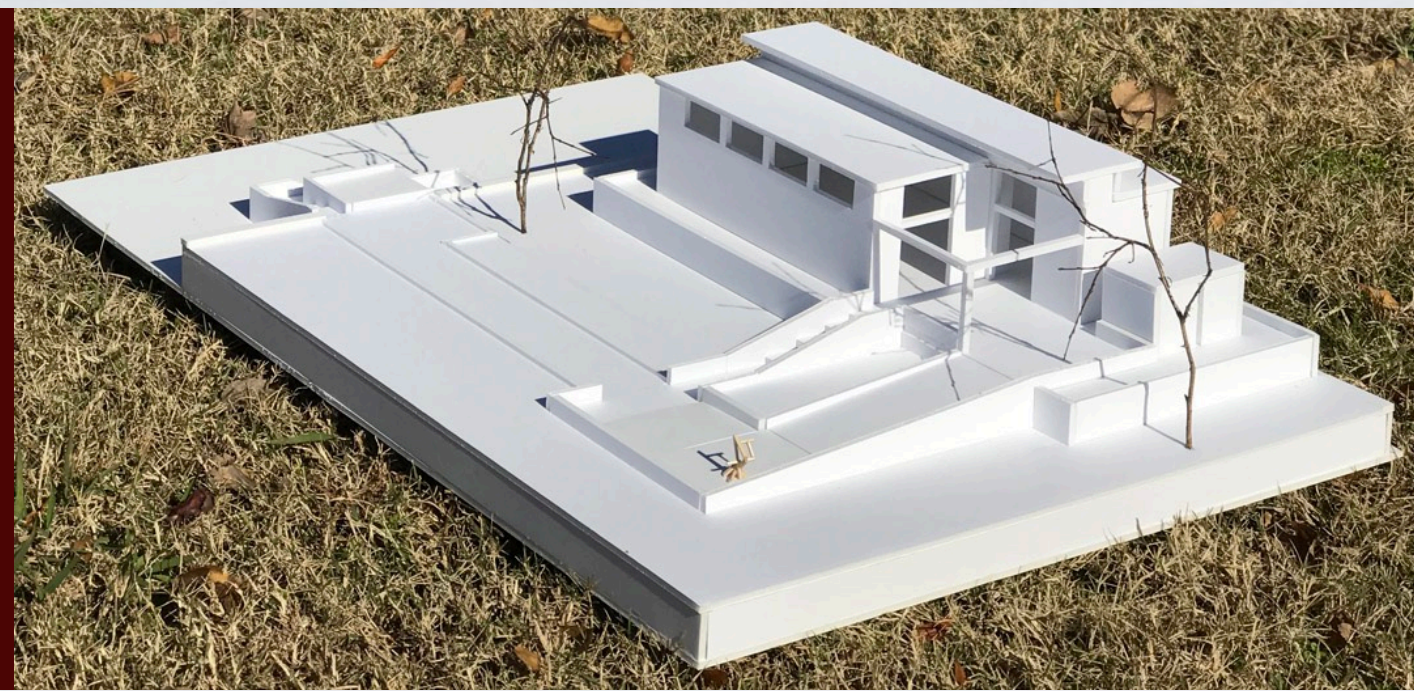


Team D's design is very minimalist and is based on welded C-channels that hold the precision-milled cypress. Team D's benches are for the Basketball venue

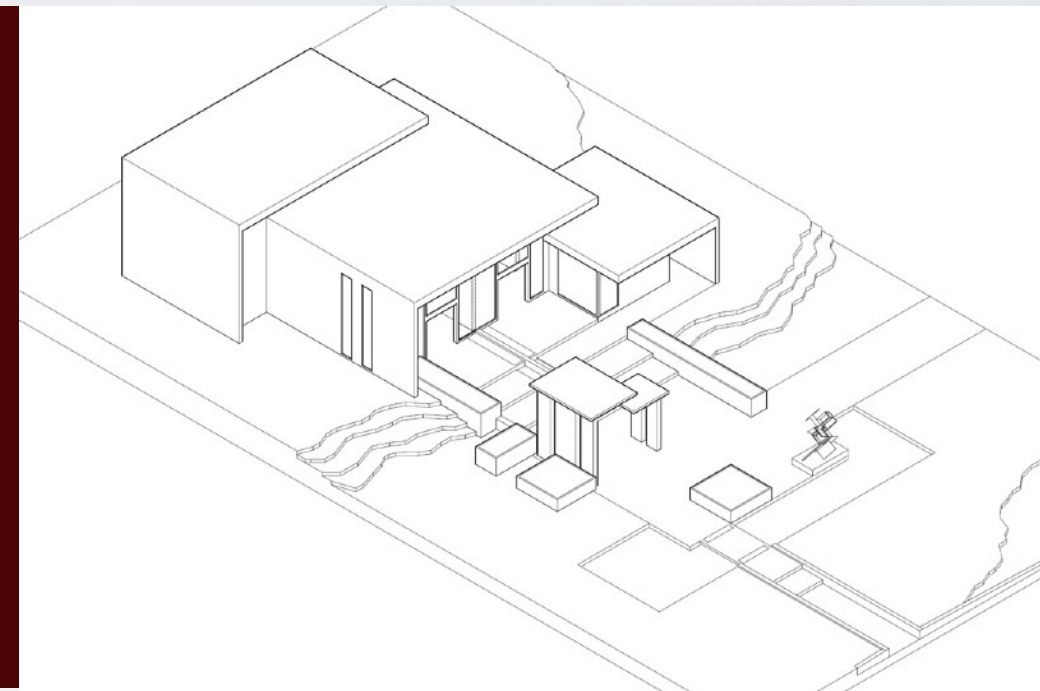
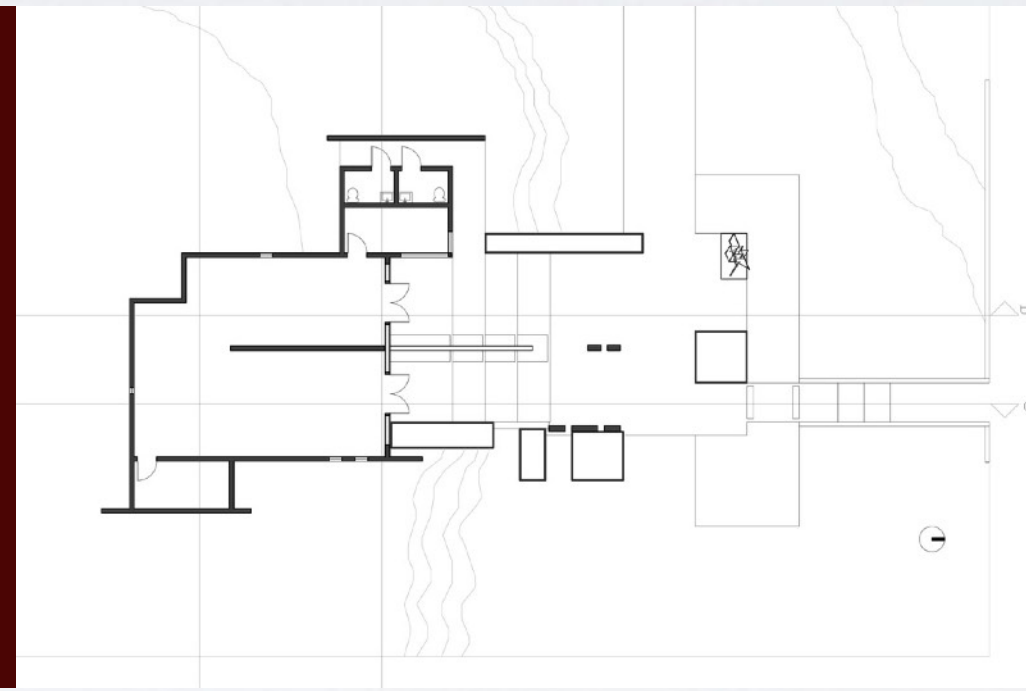
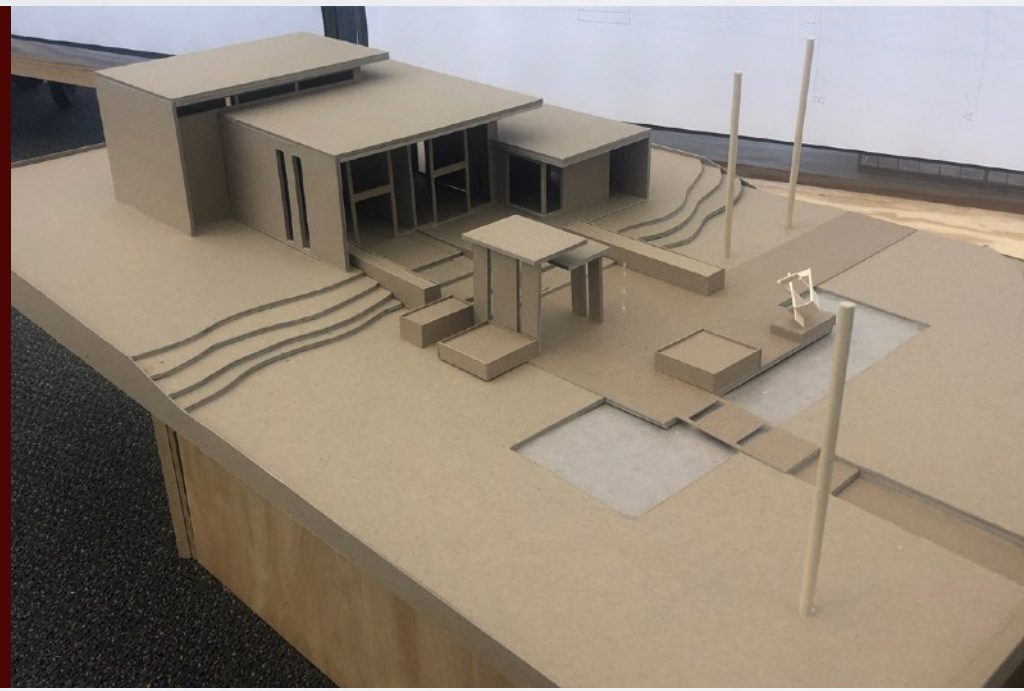
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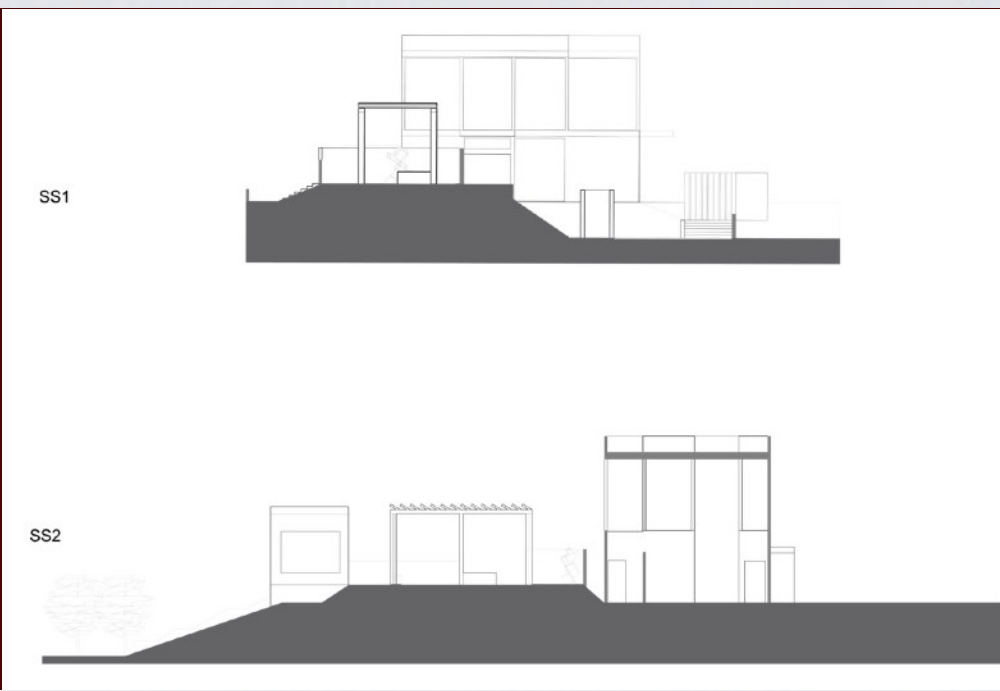
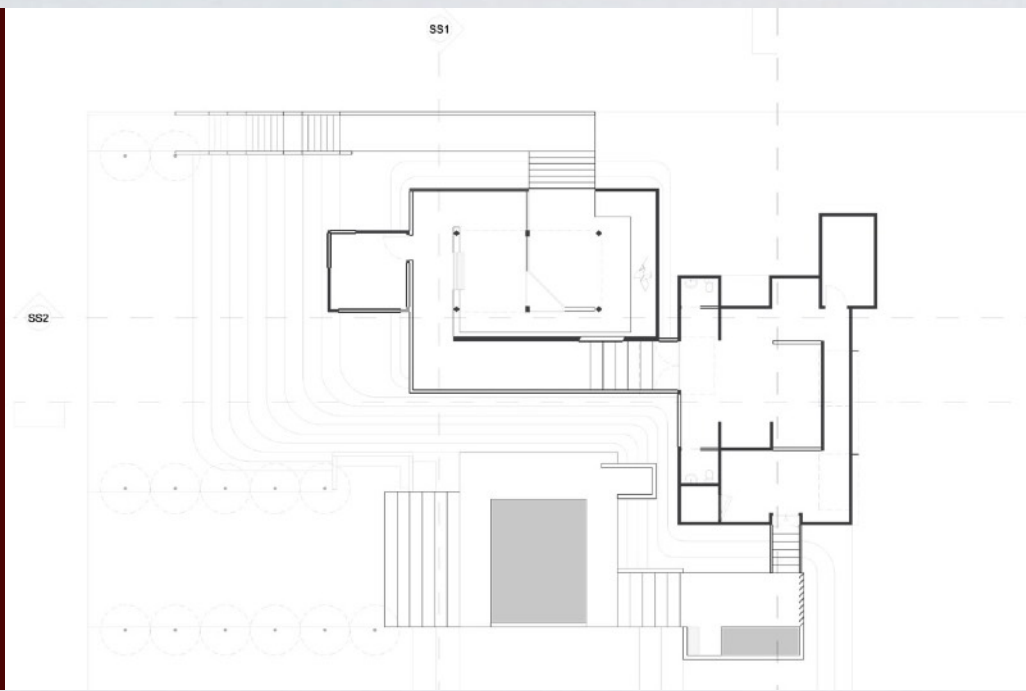
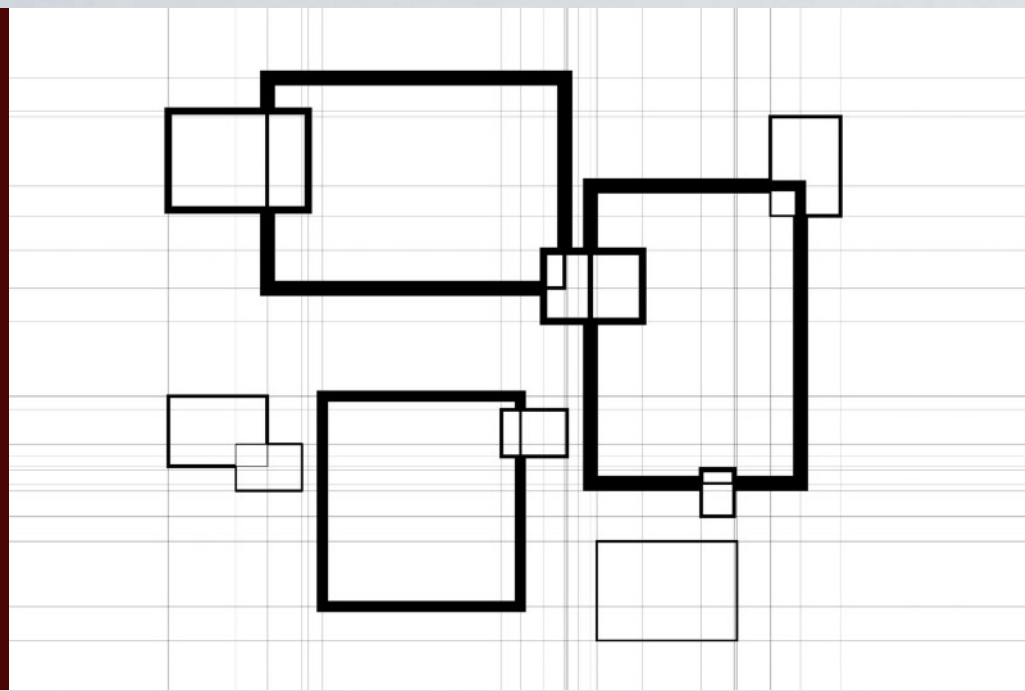
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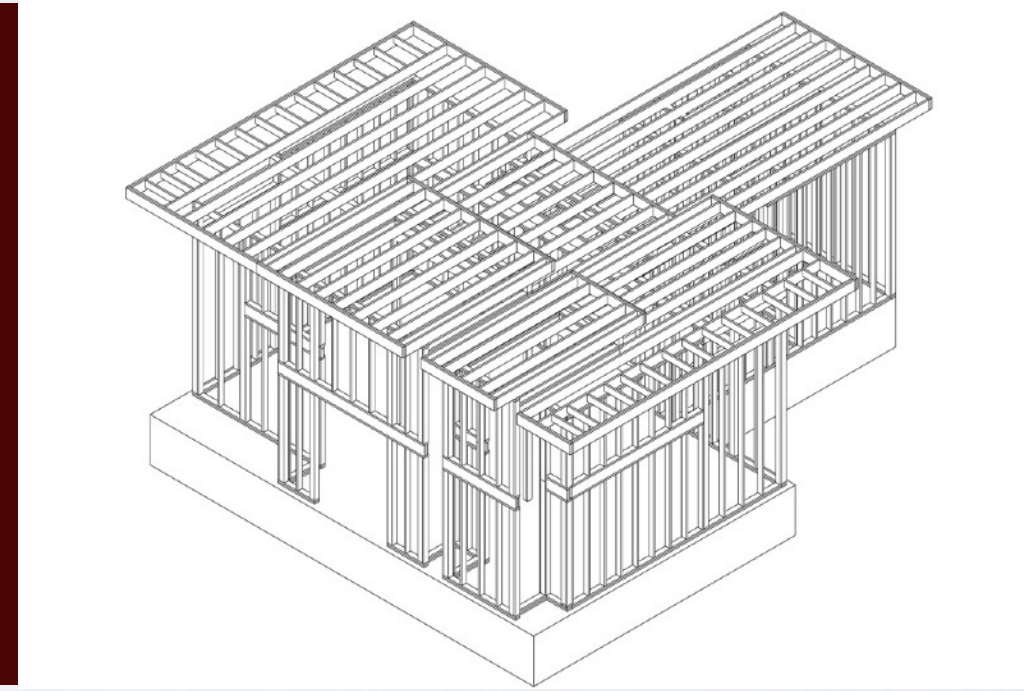
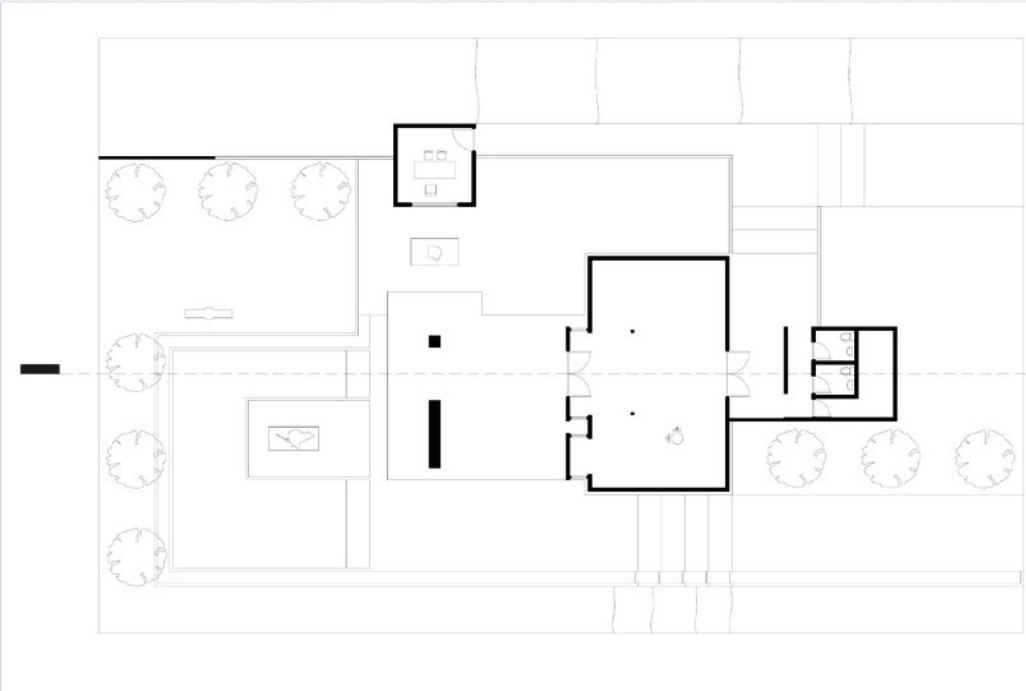
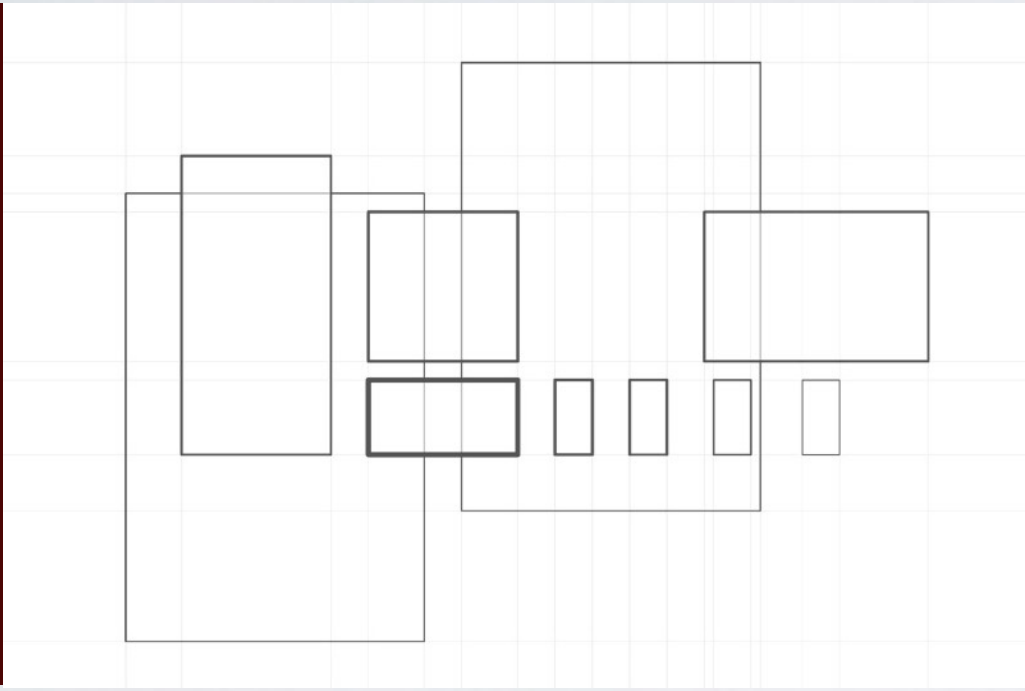
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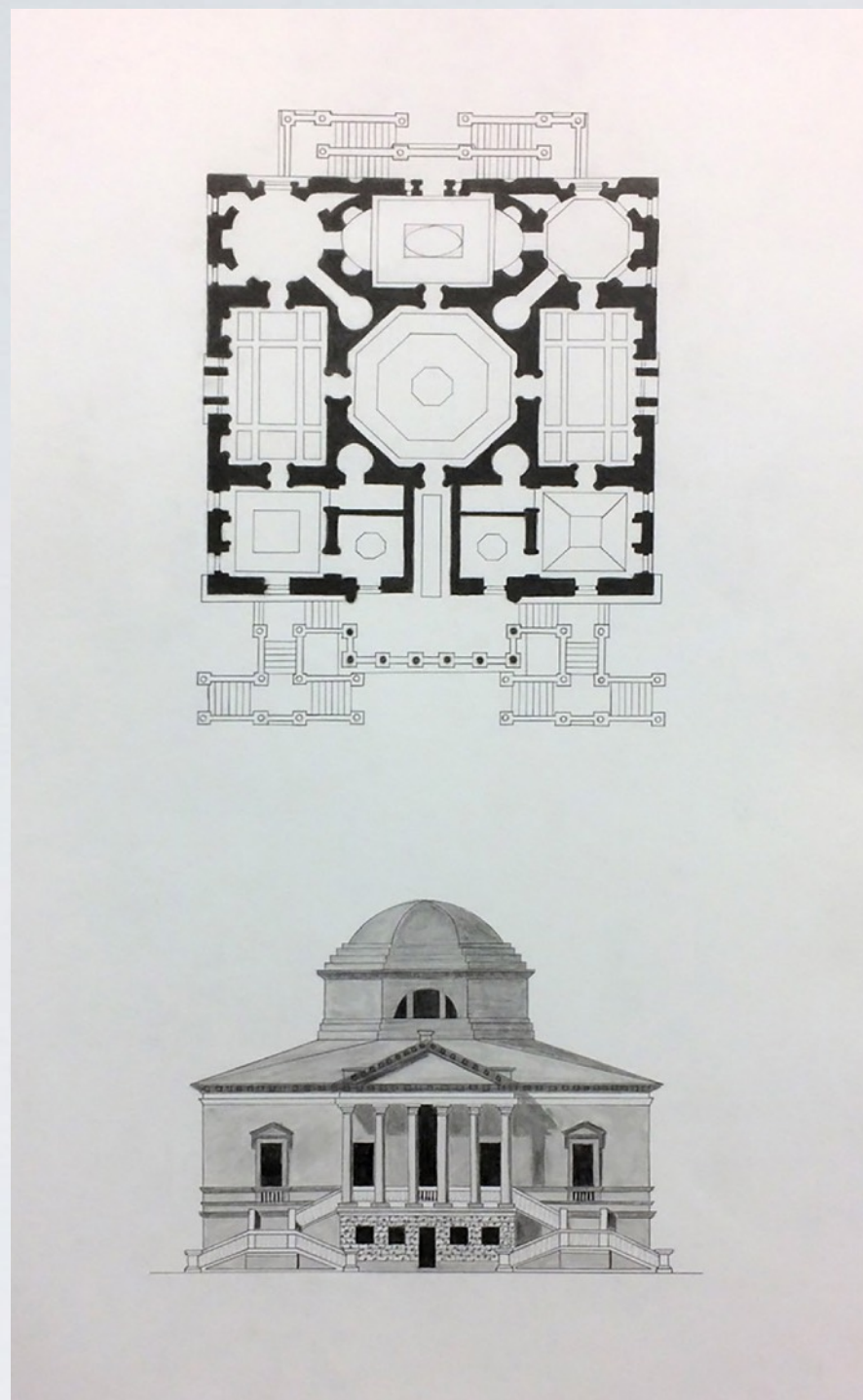


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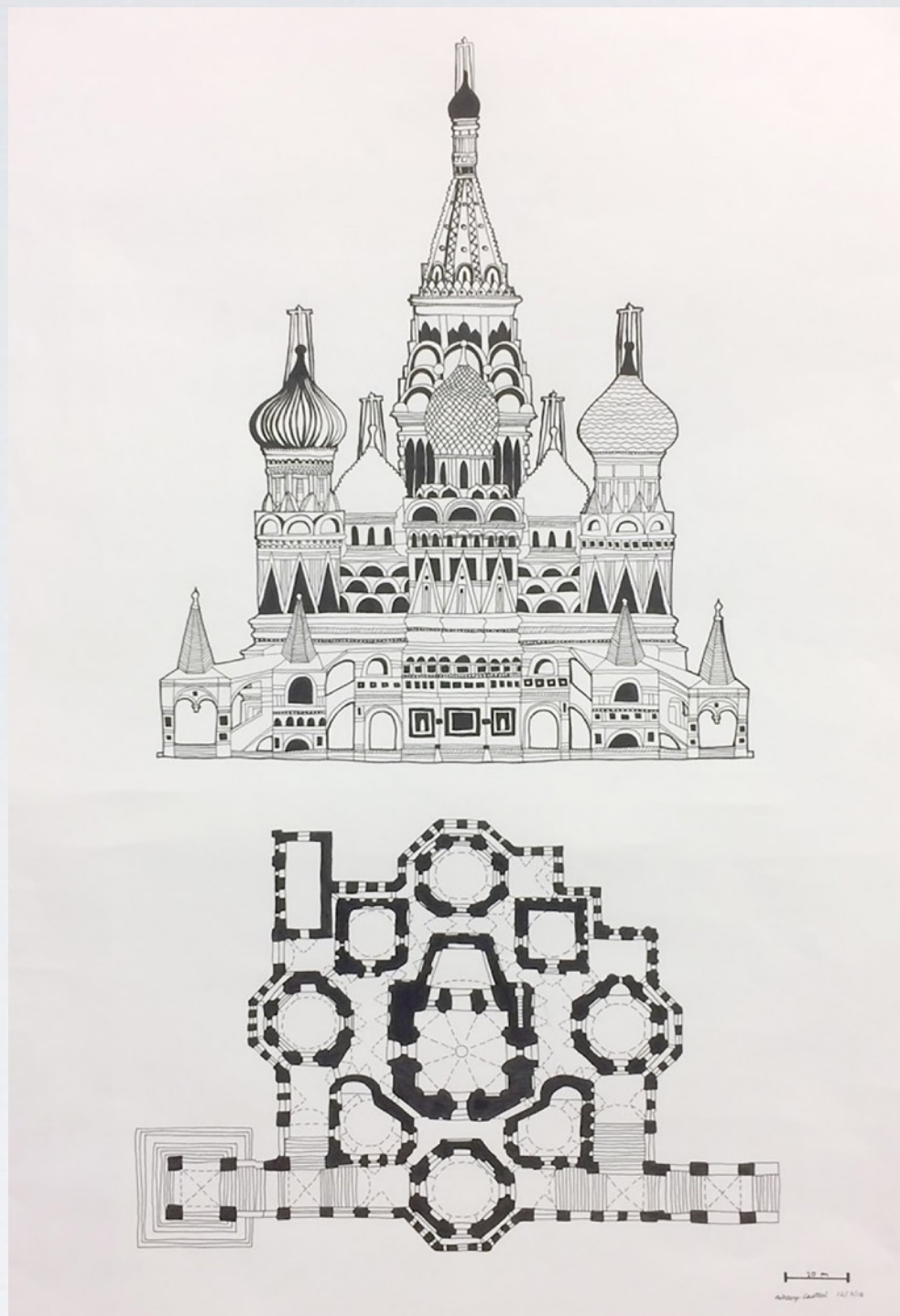
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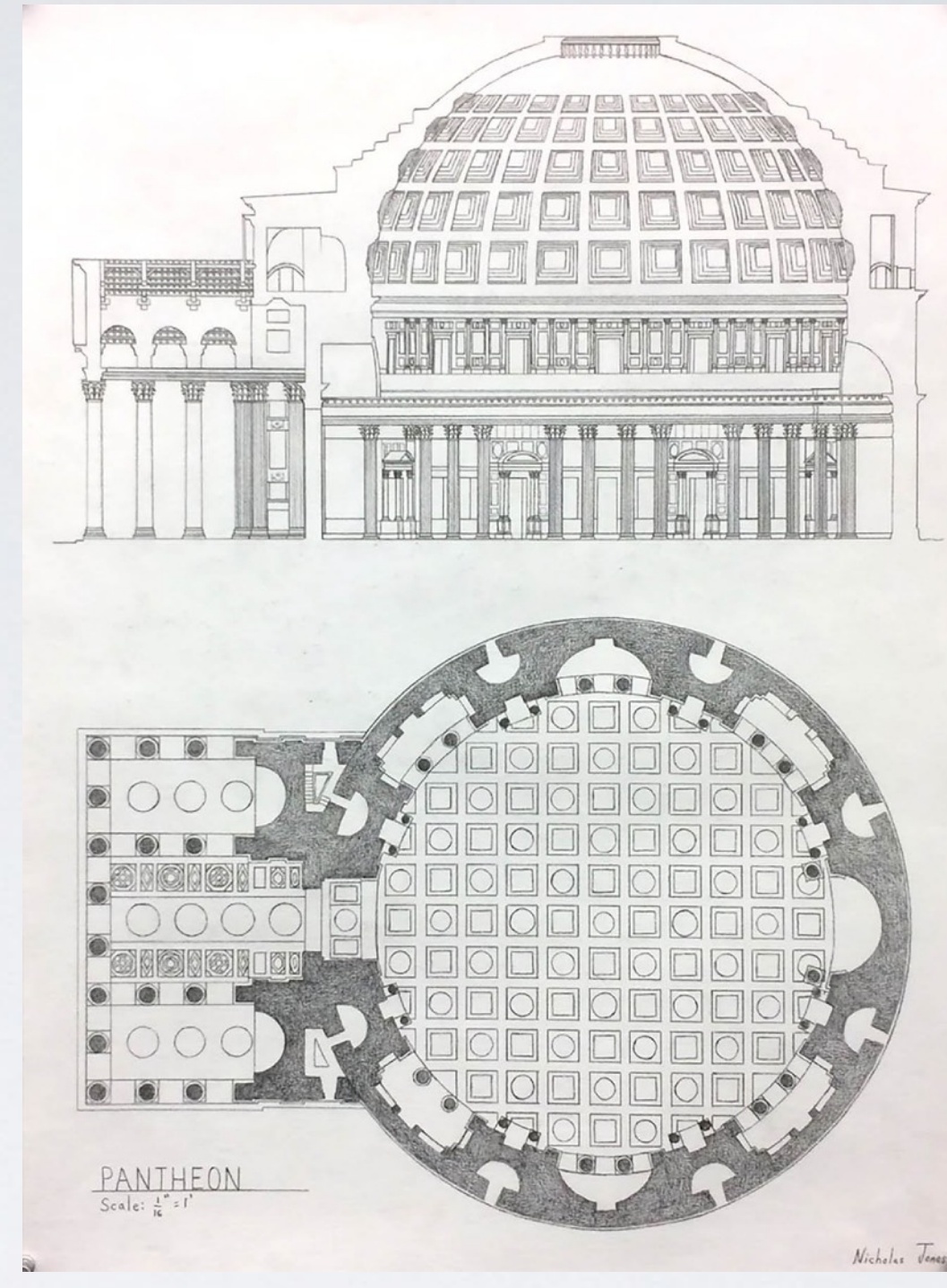
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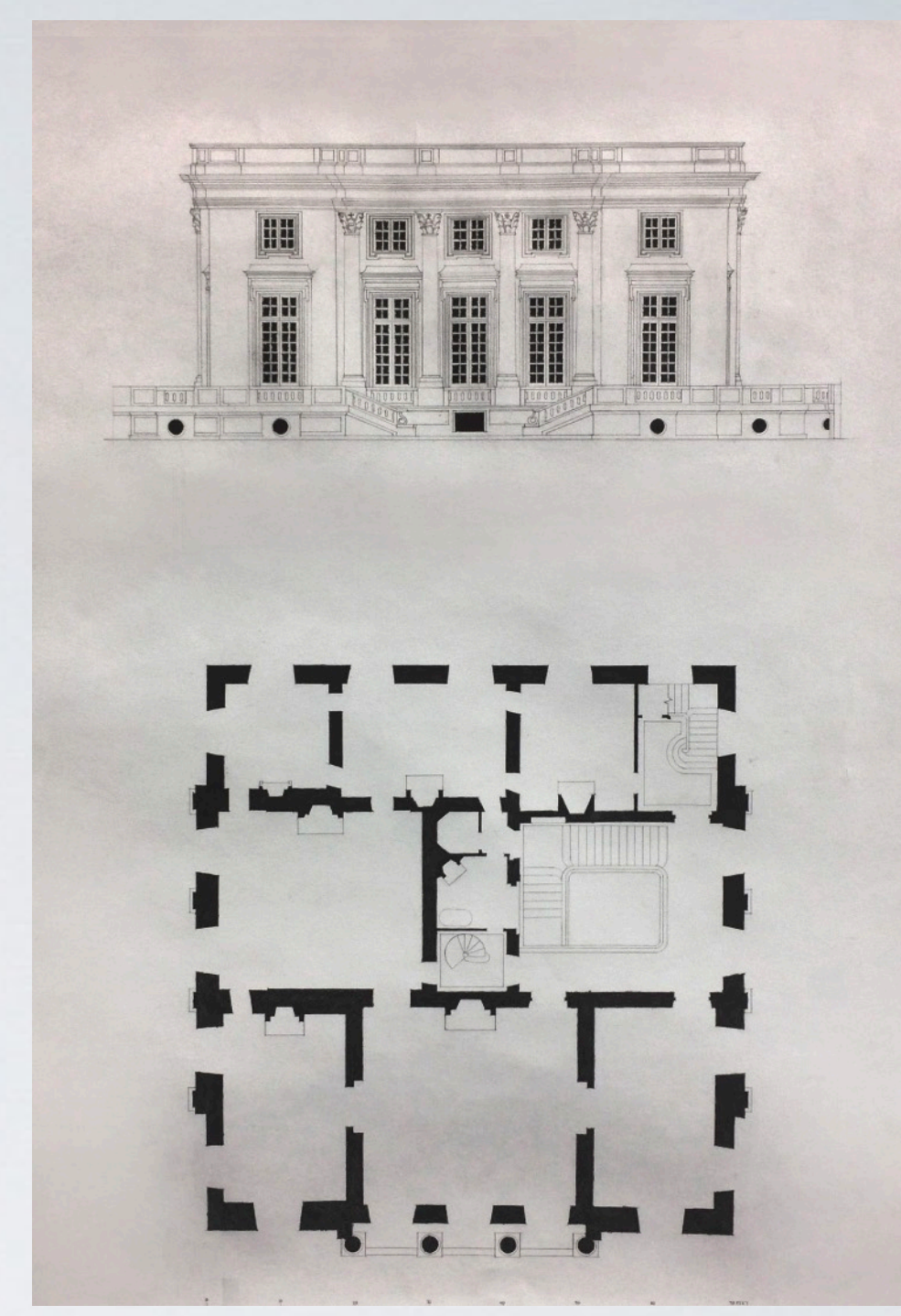
Sainte Chapelle (detail)



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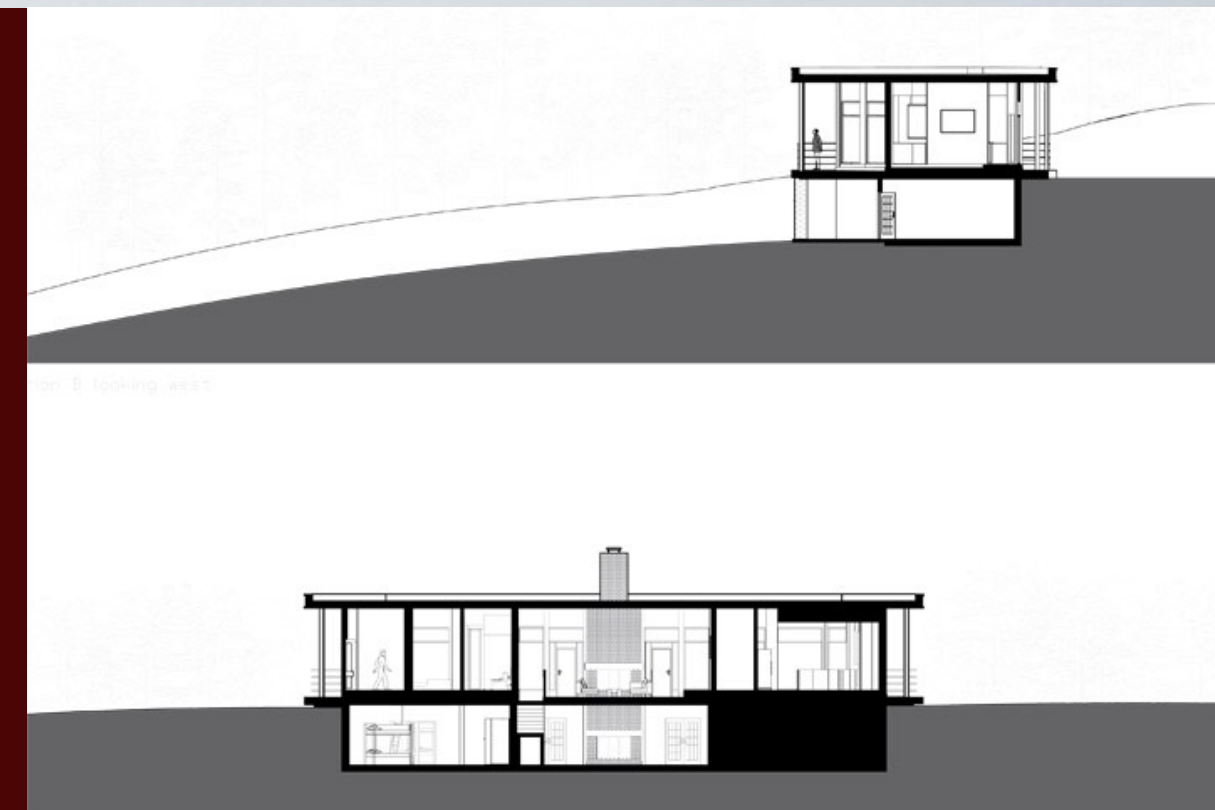
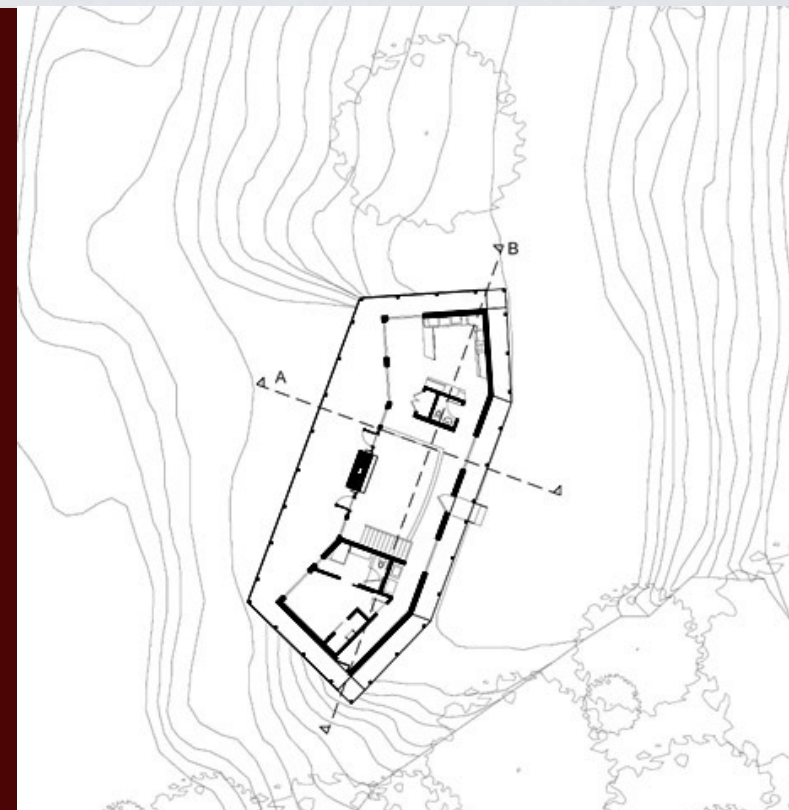
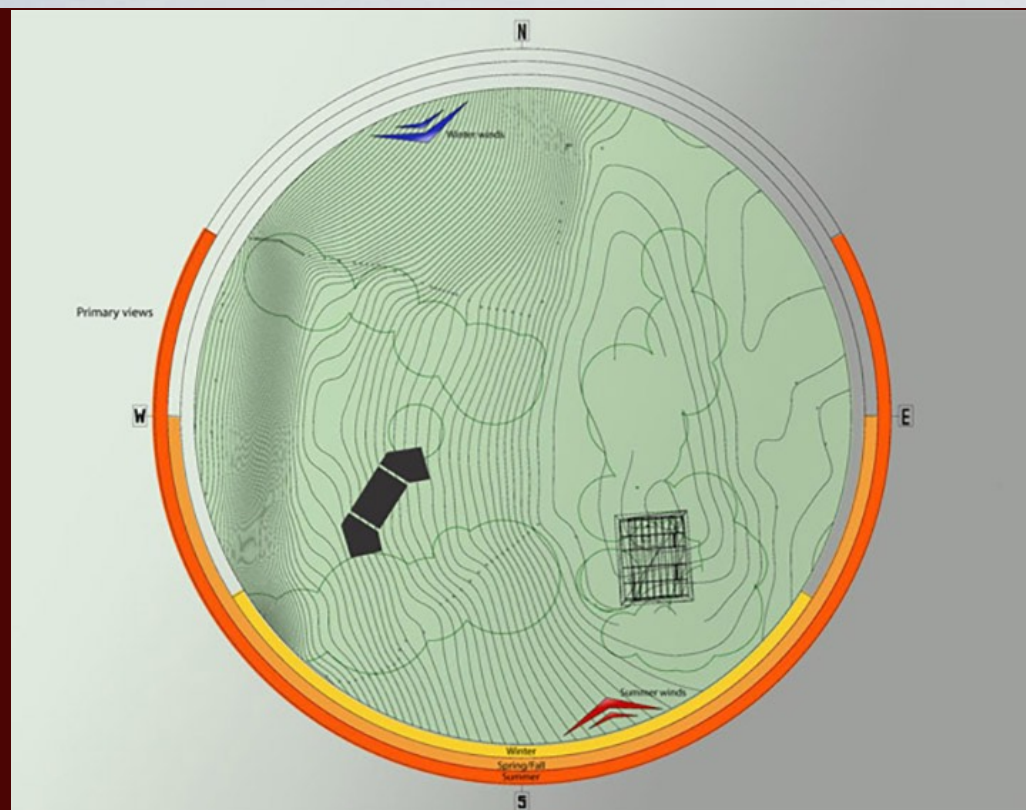
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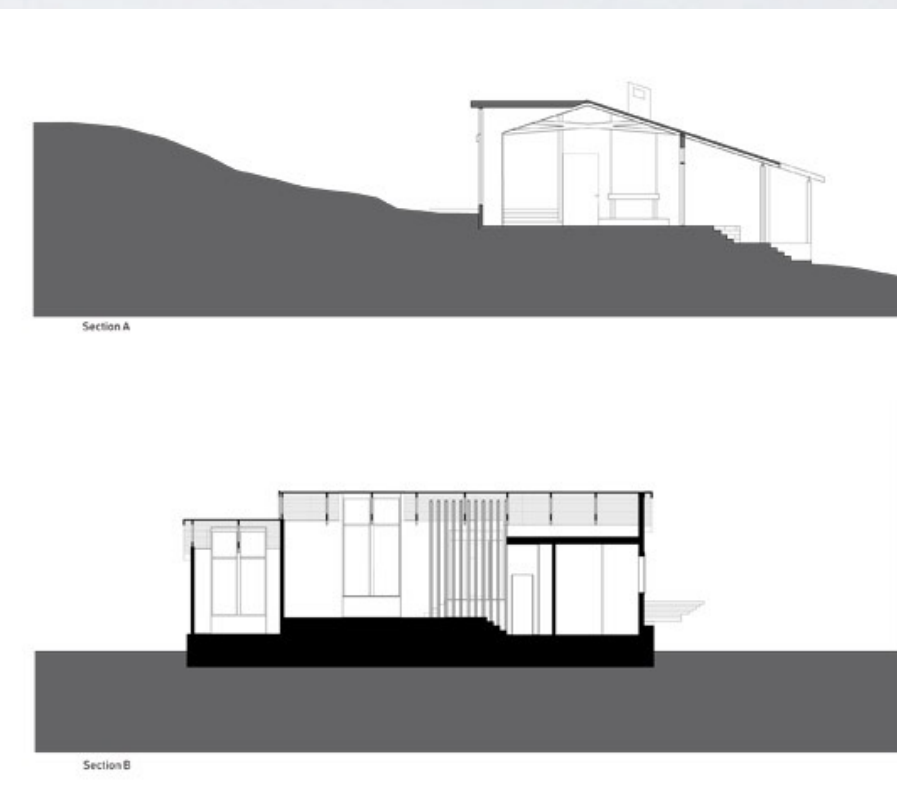
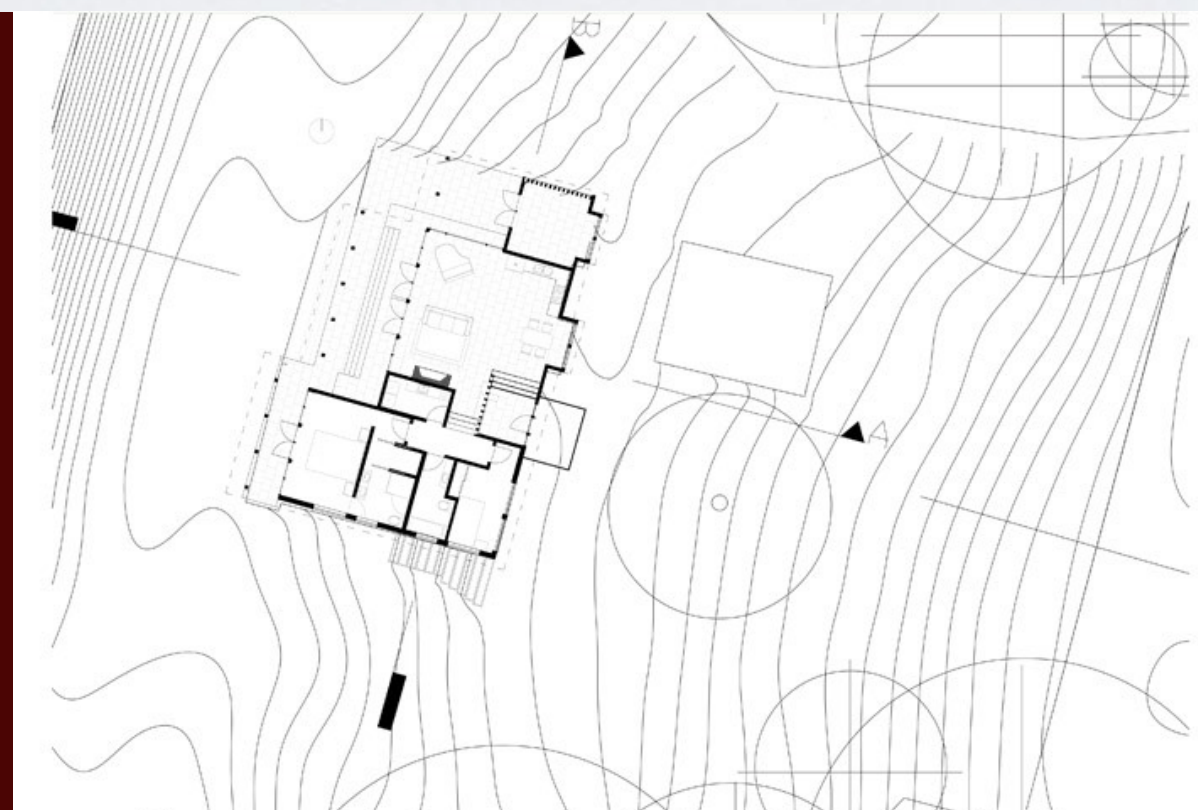
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Student A



Student B

Student C

### Design of a Residence on a topographically dynamic site (2nd Year Architecture students)

> The Spring semester began with a brief module in which each student developed a three-dimensional prototype for a modular and repeatable screening form that would create shade and shadow. This was done in a Rhino, which was new to them, and results were 3D-printed. > The next brief module was learning to generate hand-drawn perspectives using Renaissance methods, changing focal planes and distances, and learning to hand-render light, shade, and shadow on their forms. > The third module was learning Site Analysis for our subject site, including aspects of topography, exposure, views, drainage, and siting. > The significant portion of the semester was to design a house on our subject site with respect to topography, site conditions, and classic design principles of arrival, circulation, creating space, and integrating architecture with the landscape. The Rhino design could be integrated into the house design (as a screen for example), and the Perspective exercises could be employed in final renderings.





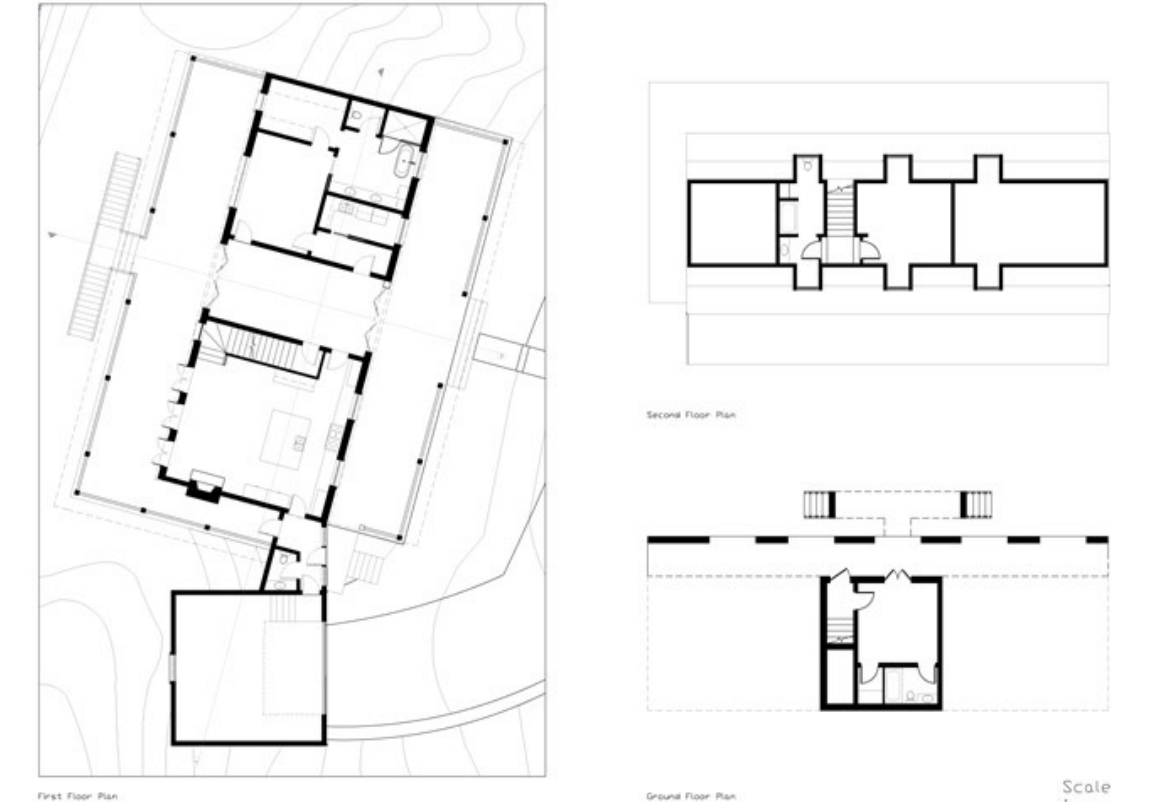
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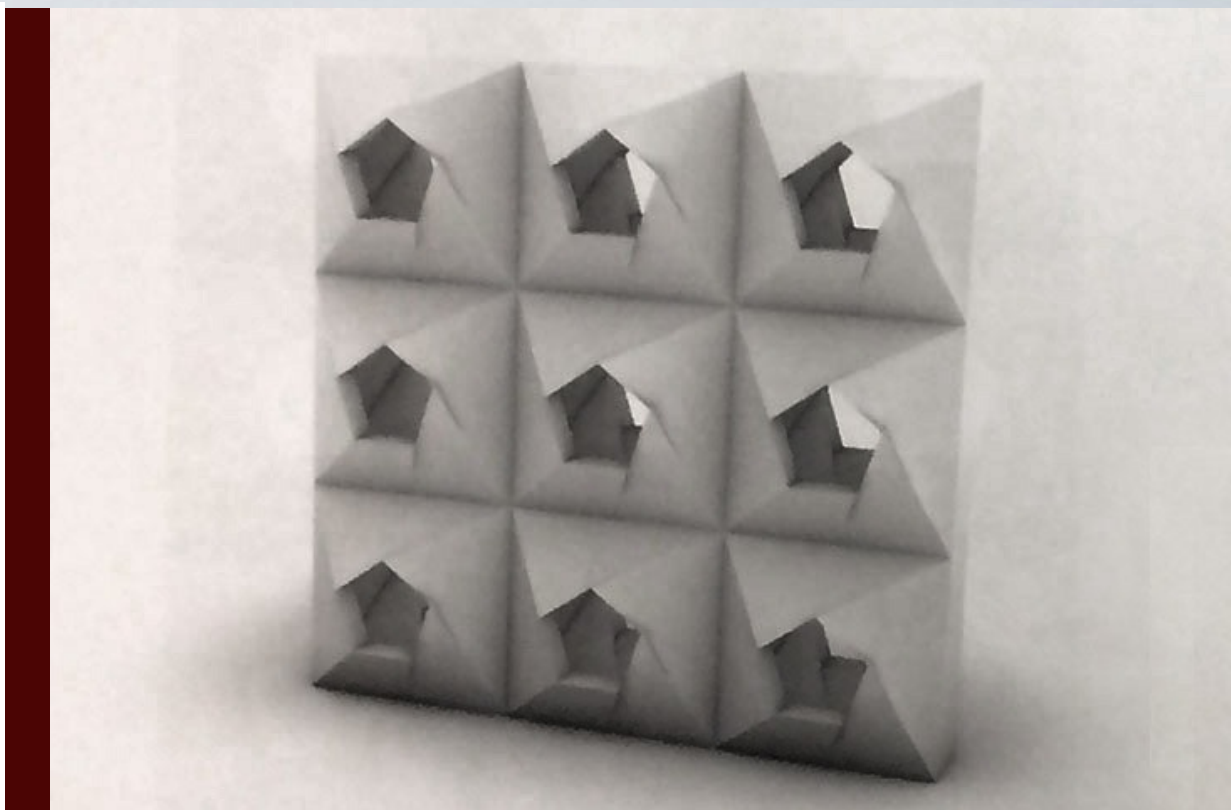
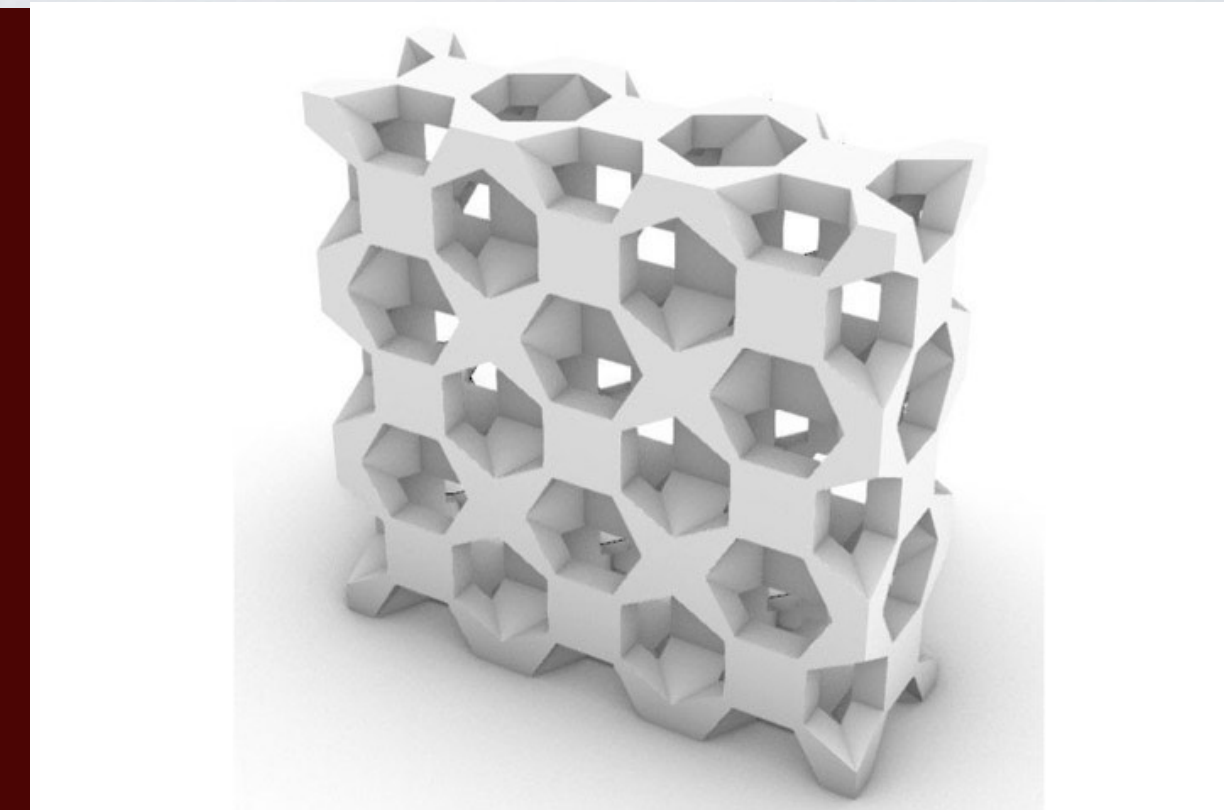
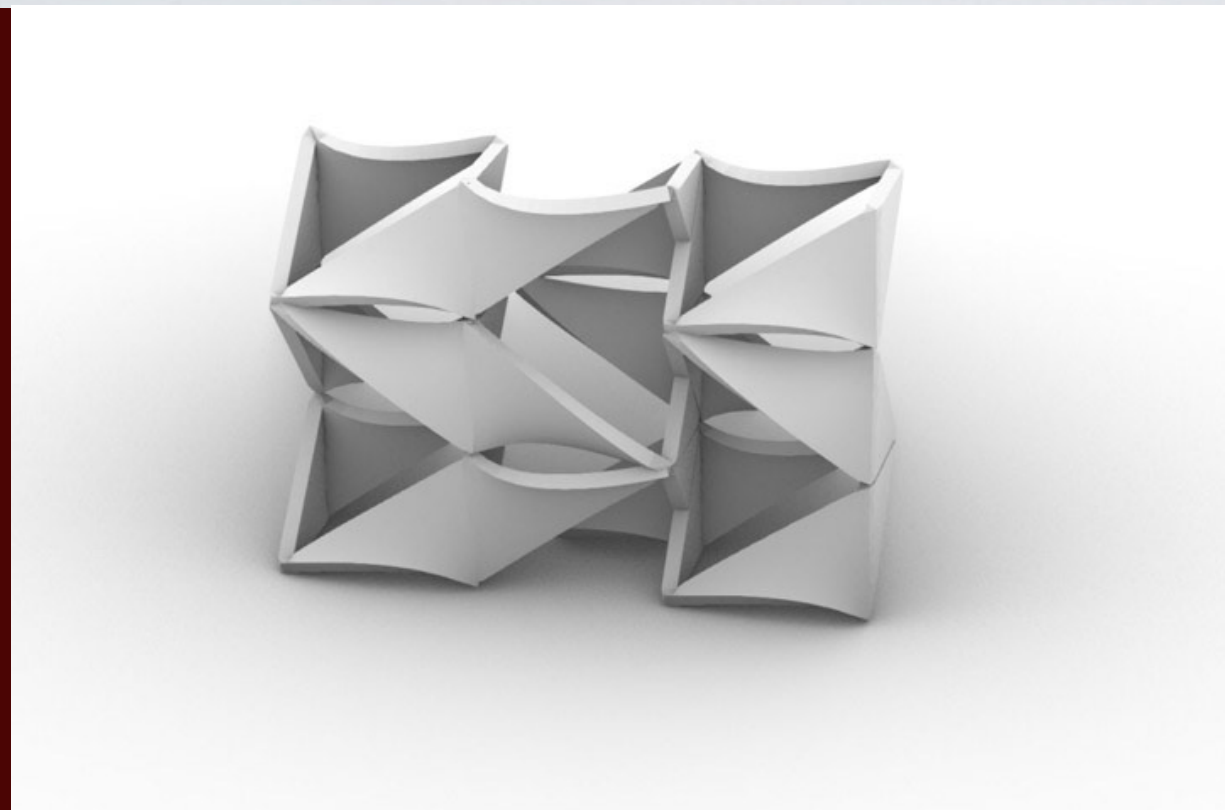
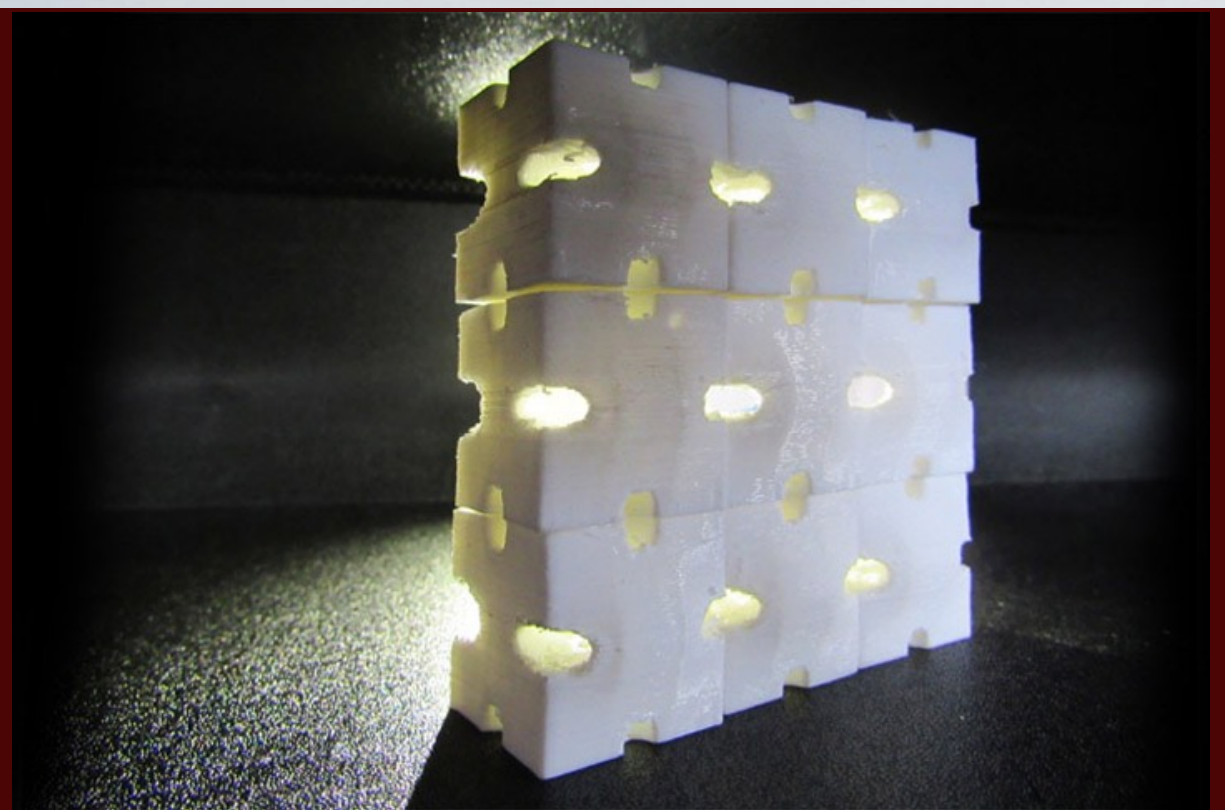
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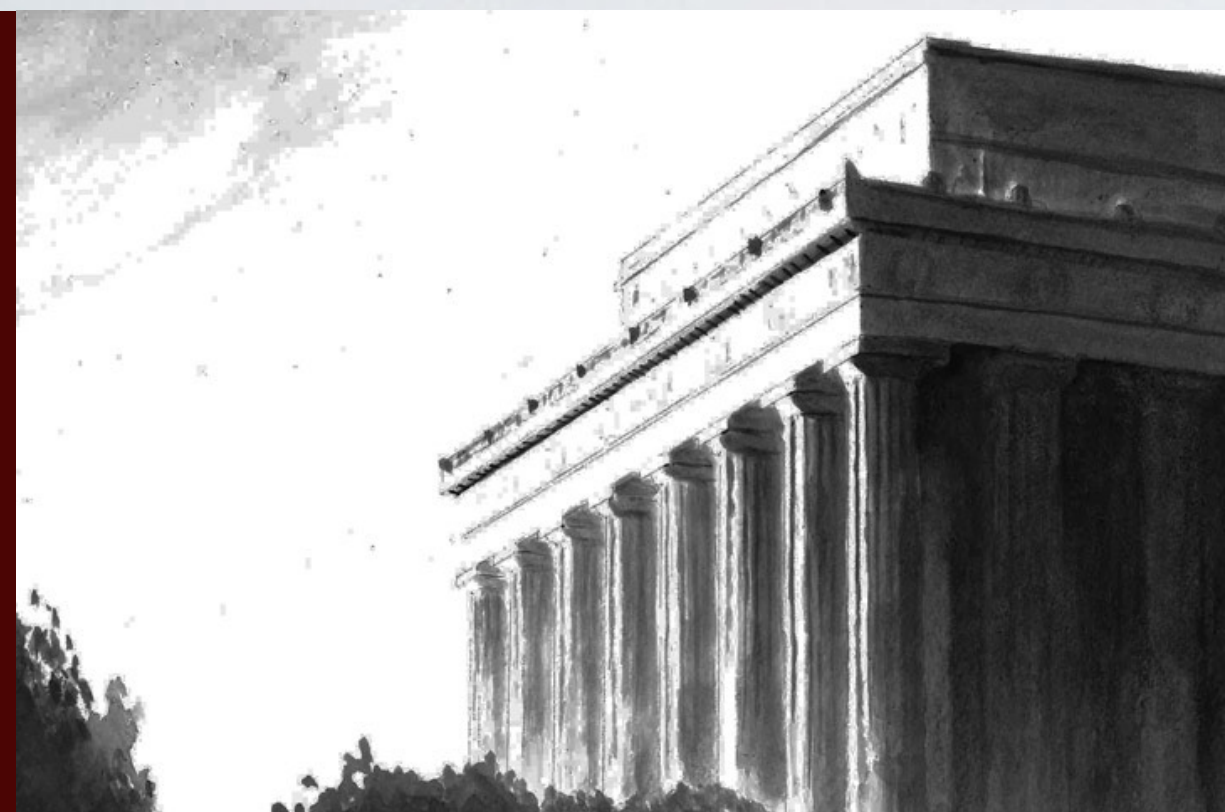
Student F



**Design of a Residence on a topographically dynamic site (2nd Year Architecture students)**



Sampling of Rhino 3d printed screens



Sampling of Perspective Drawing and Hand Rendering exercises

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Photo of partial group

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Bench A

Team A's bench design maintained a sculptural and abstract sensibility that provided backrest and armrest at one end. The dark metal panel has reinforcement that invisibly supports the laminated wood seat in this sculptural arrangement.



Bench B

Team B's bench designated to create a dramatic and hidden cantilever support using a rigid steel A-frame. The bench is sheathed in a traditional and user-friendly slatted cypress with a polyurethane finish.

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Bench C

Team C's bench featured routed slots in a laminated cypress seat and back which then were joined to the rigid steel frame using hidden connectors.



Bench D

Team D designed and built a bench using inset steel frames and inset laminated panels of cypress. Team D's paint schedule is in classic MSU color combination.

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Bench E

Team E opted for a bench that turned its backrest 90° and positioned it at the end opposite the armrest. Its built of dark-stained laminated cypress and dark-gray powder-coated steel tube.

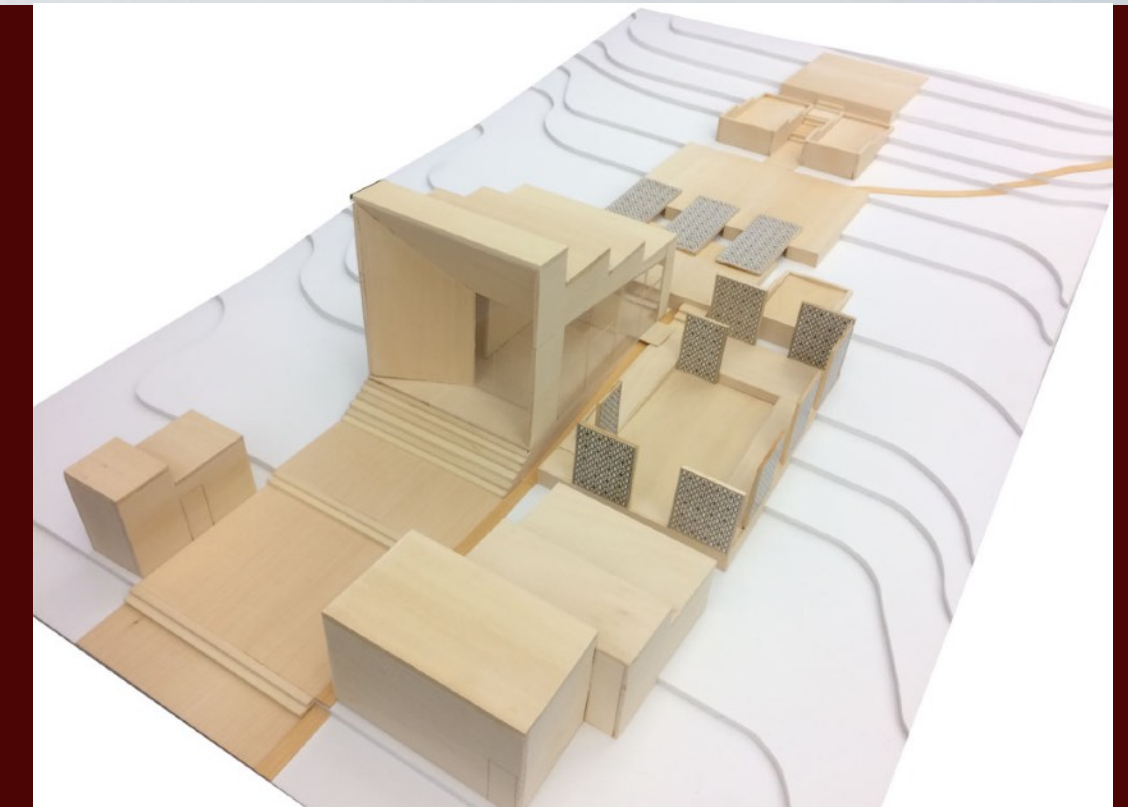
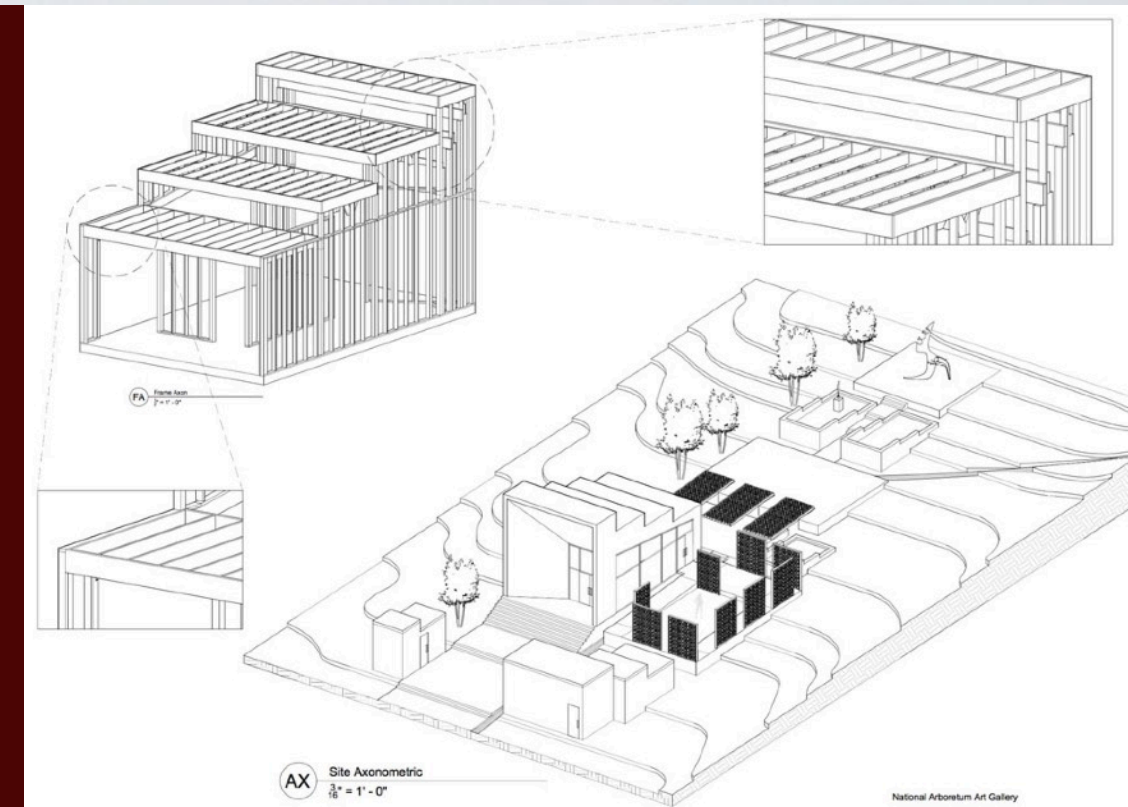
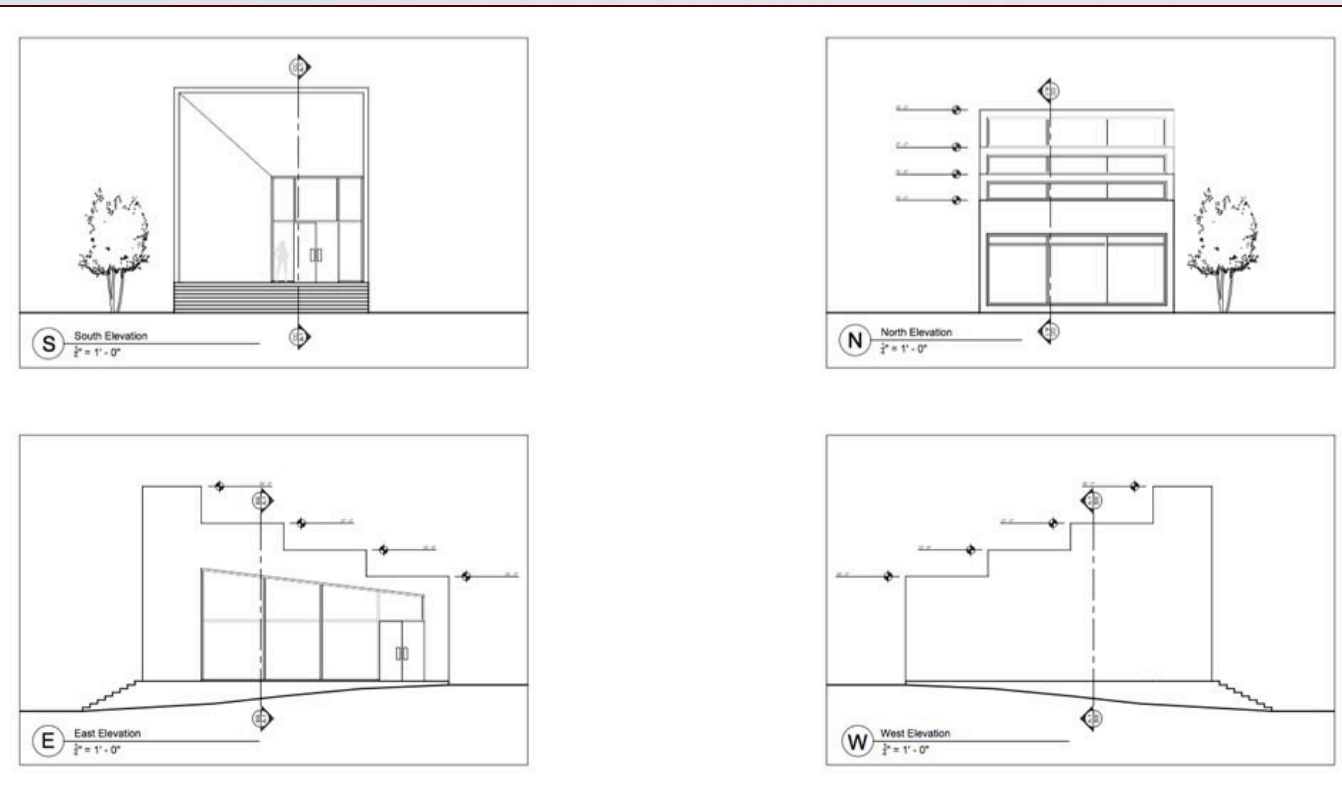
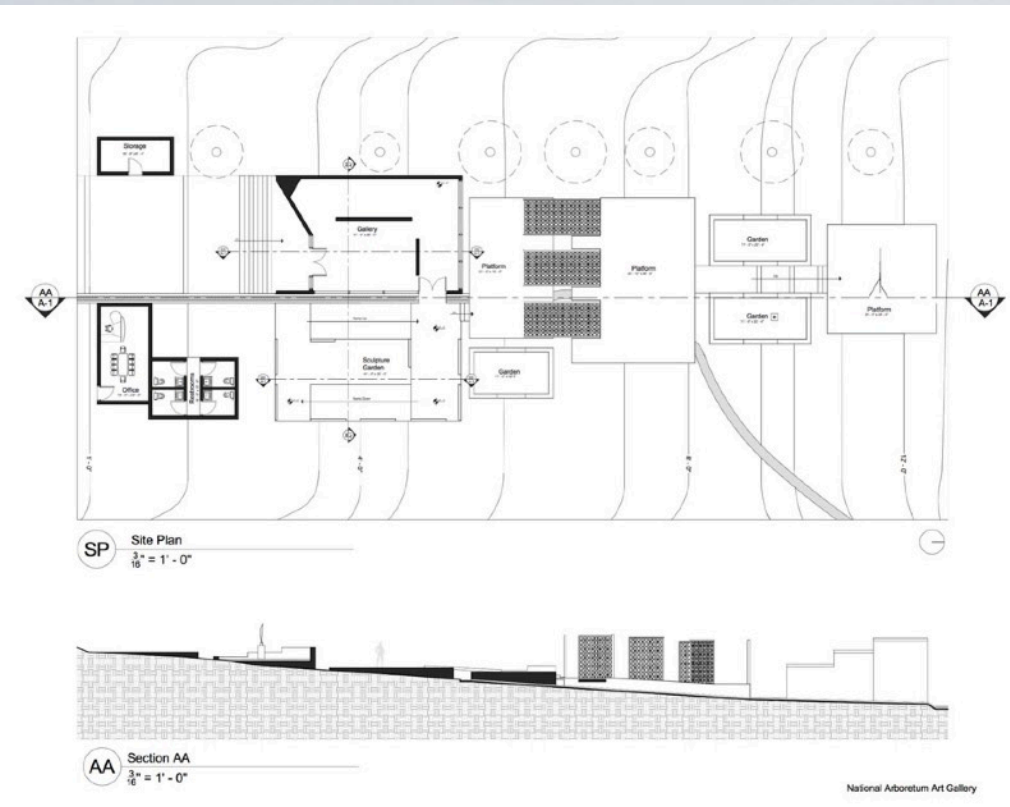


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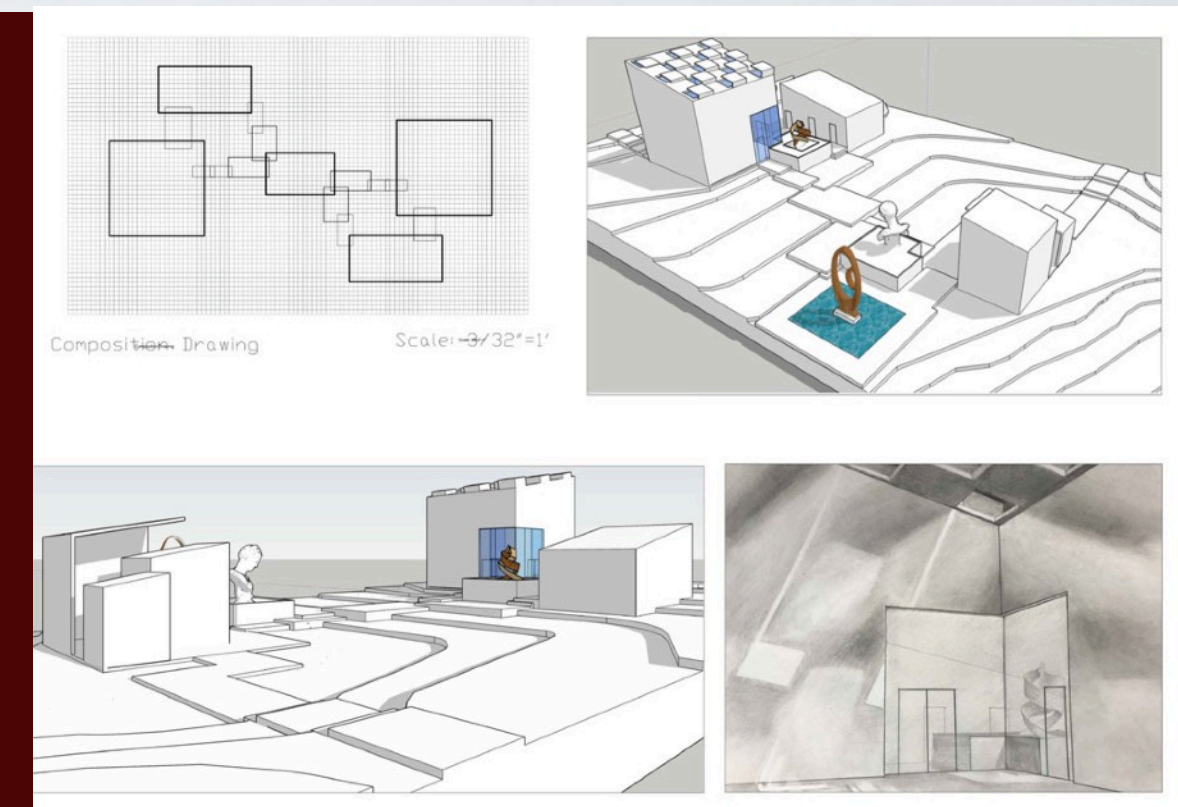
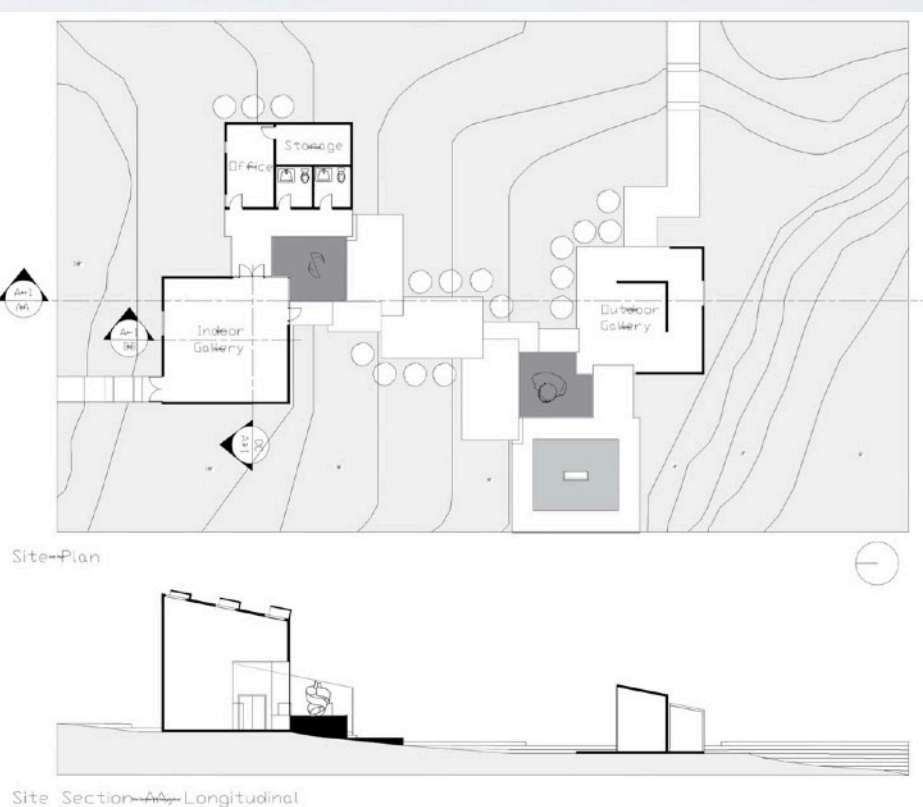
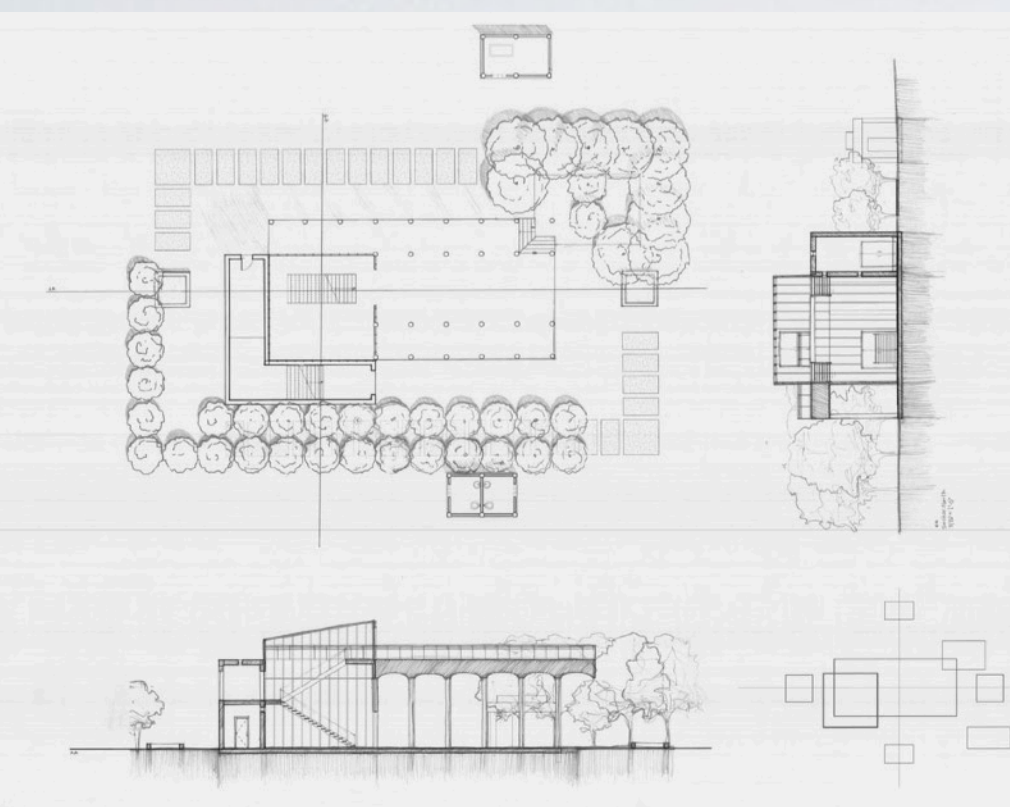
Team F's bench was designed to have an integral layout area at each end - very useful in a bench. The dark-stained and sealed cypress is framed comfortably in its seven-foot steel tube frame.

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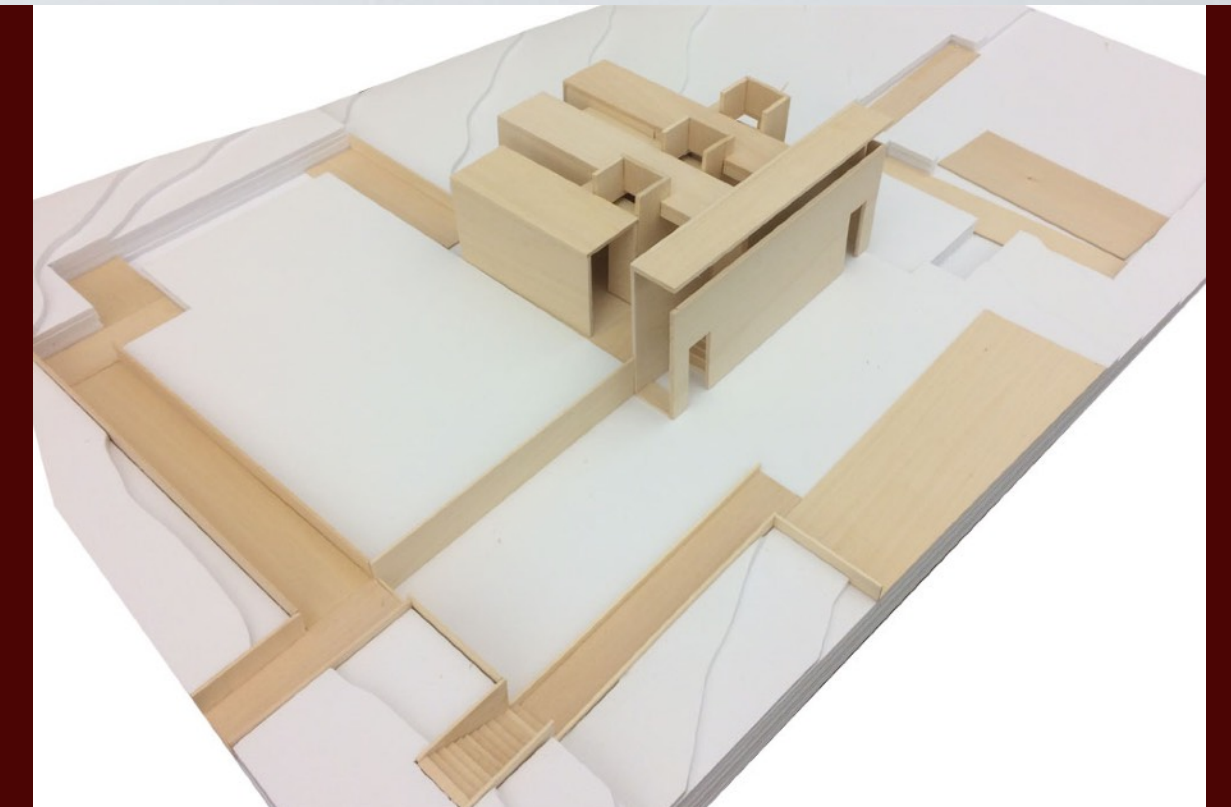
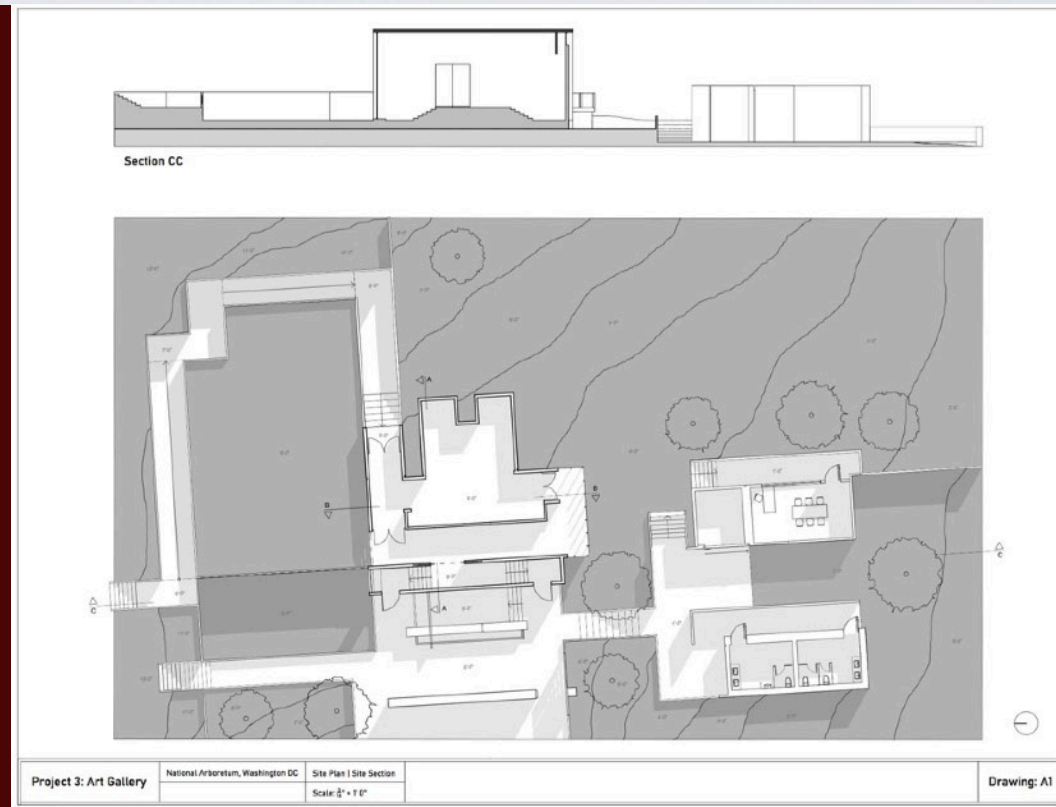
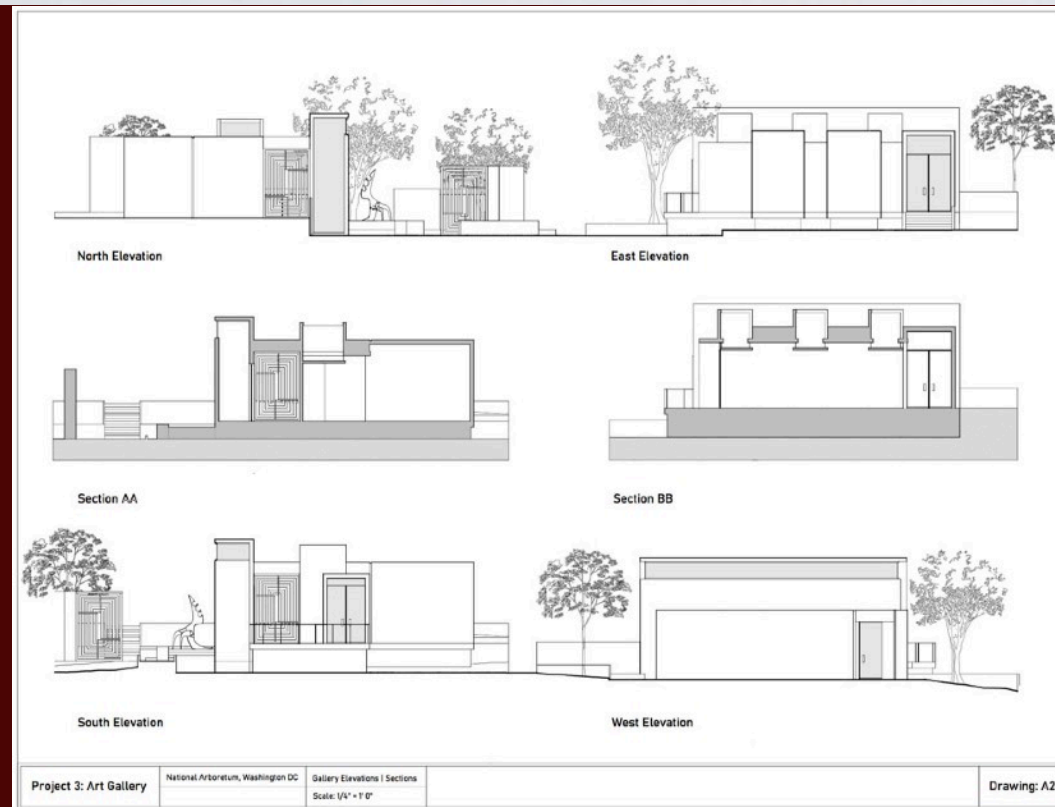
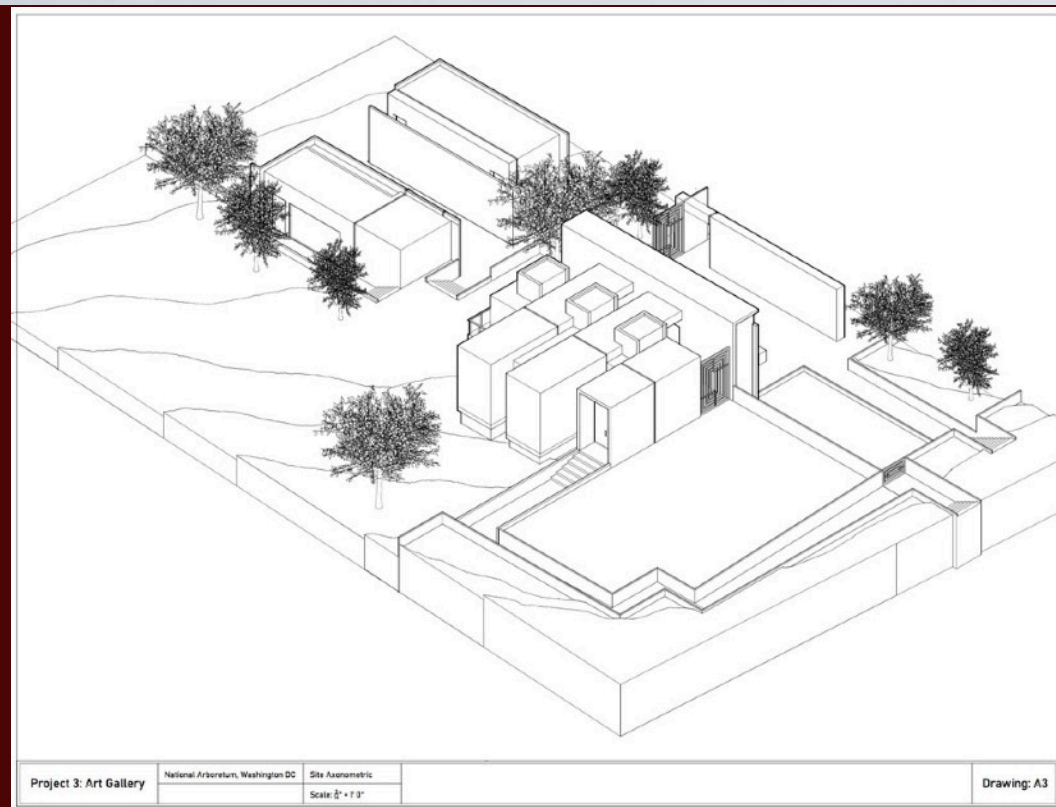


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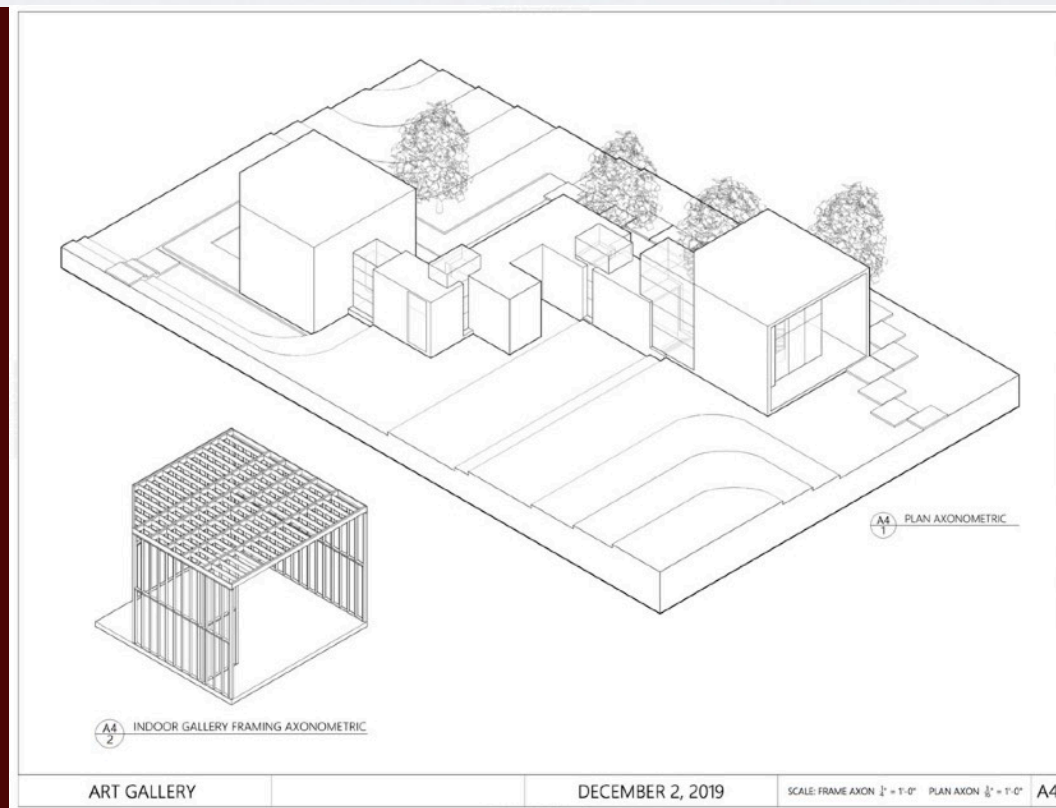
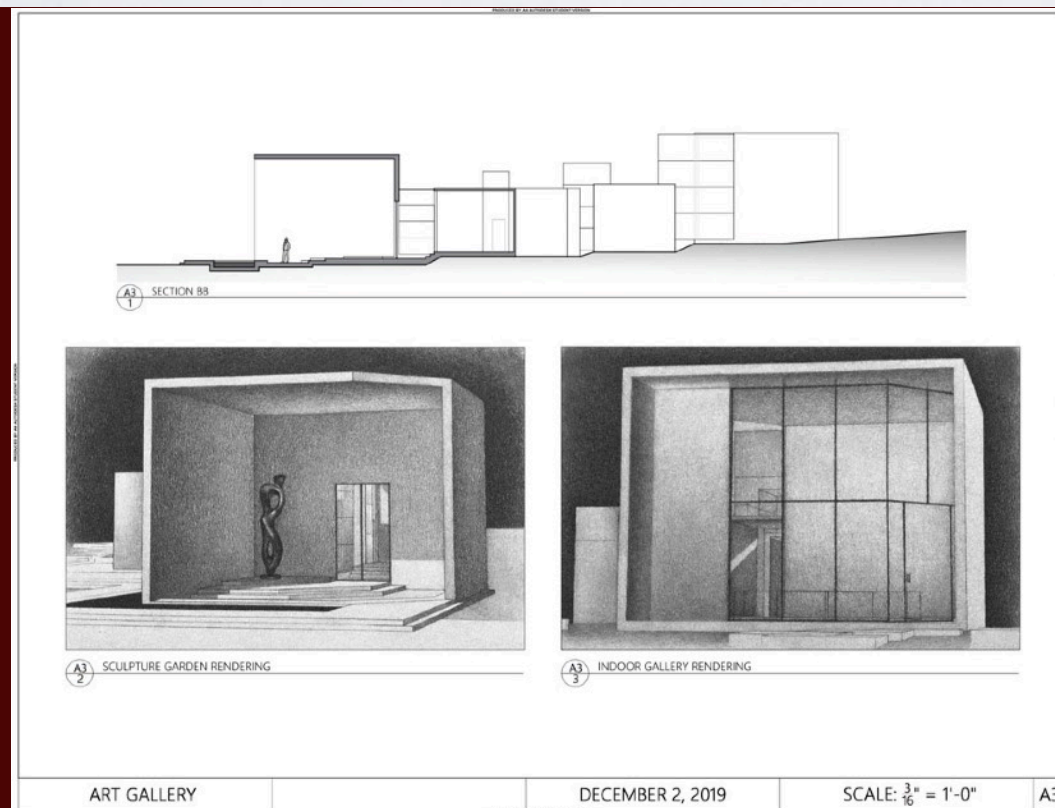
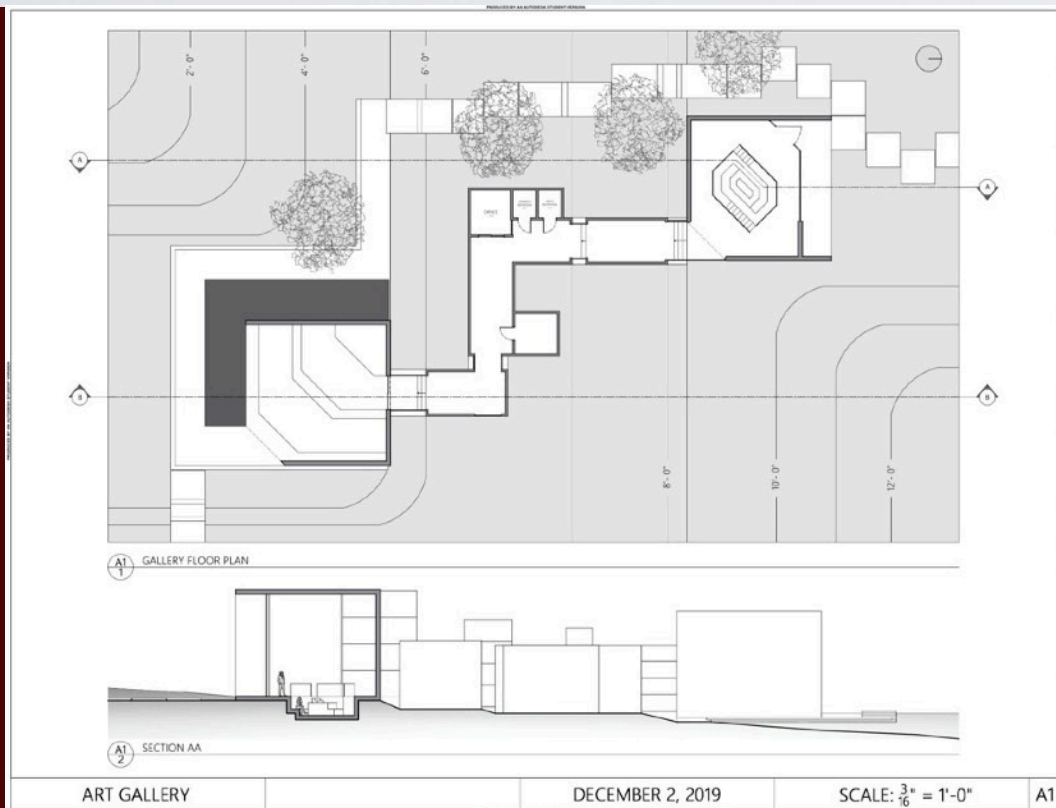
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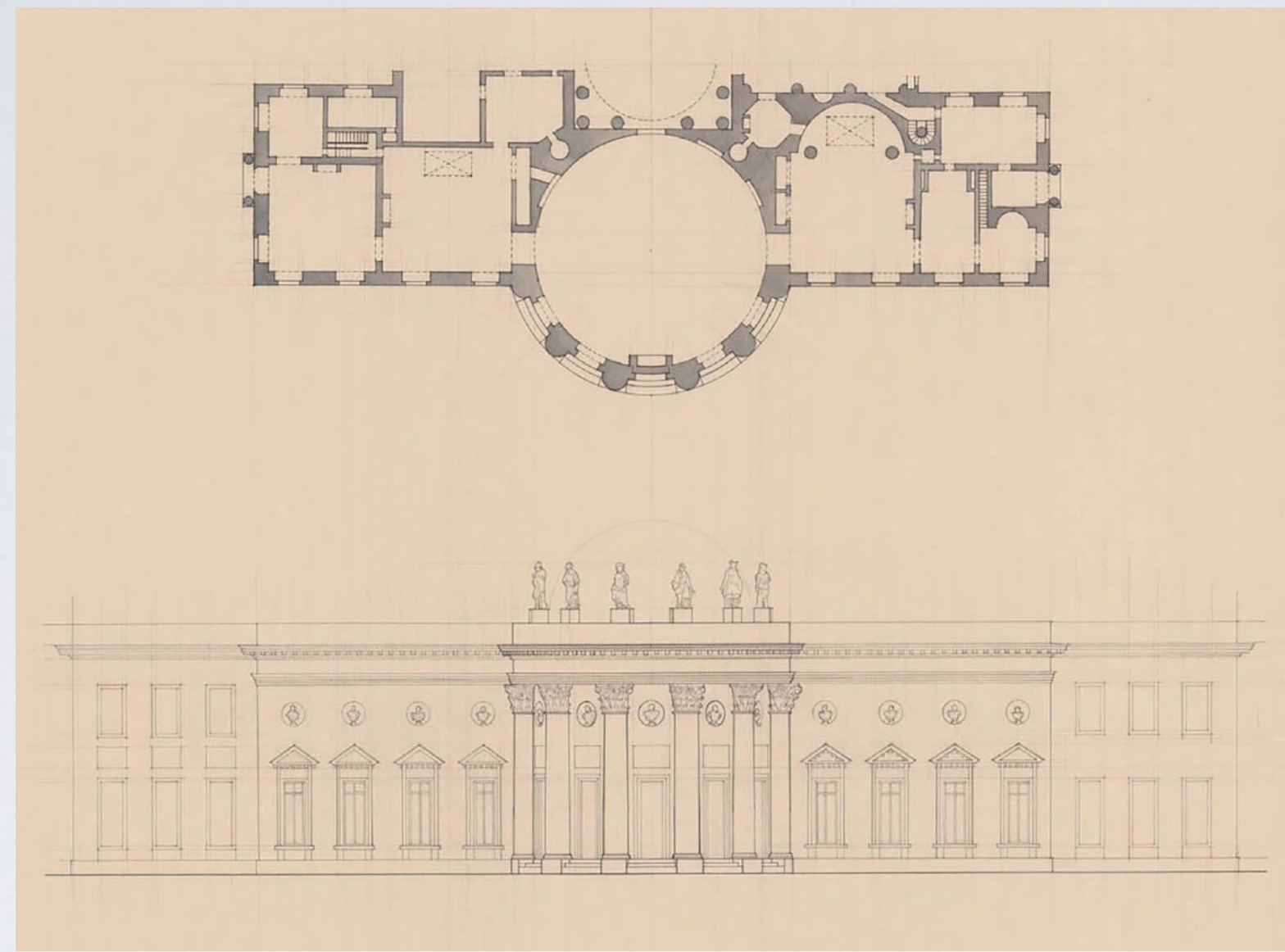
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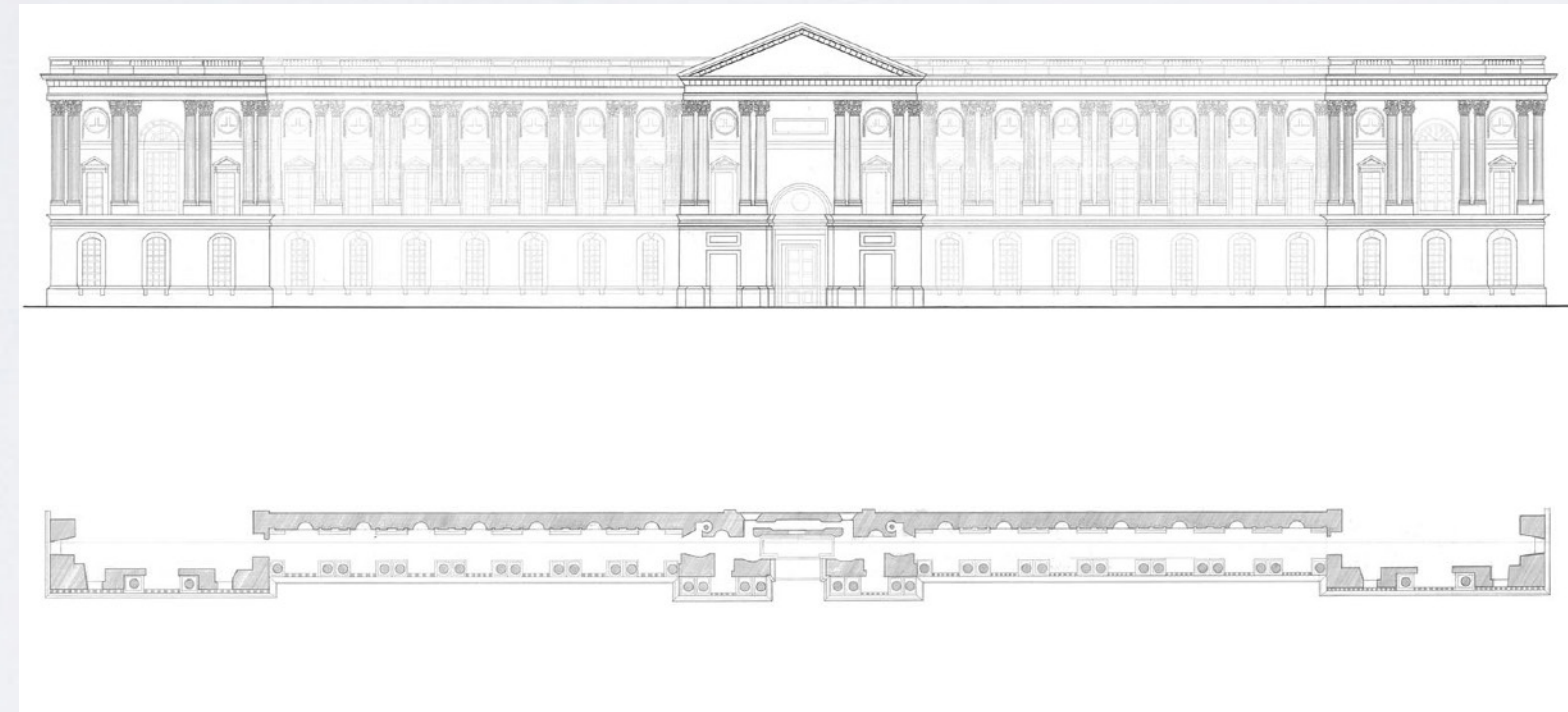




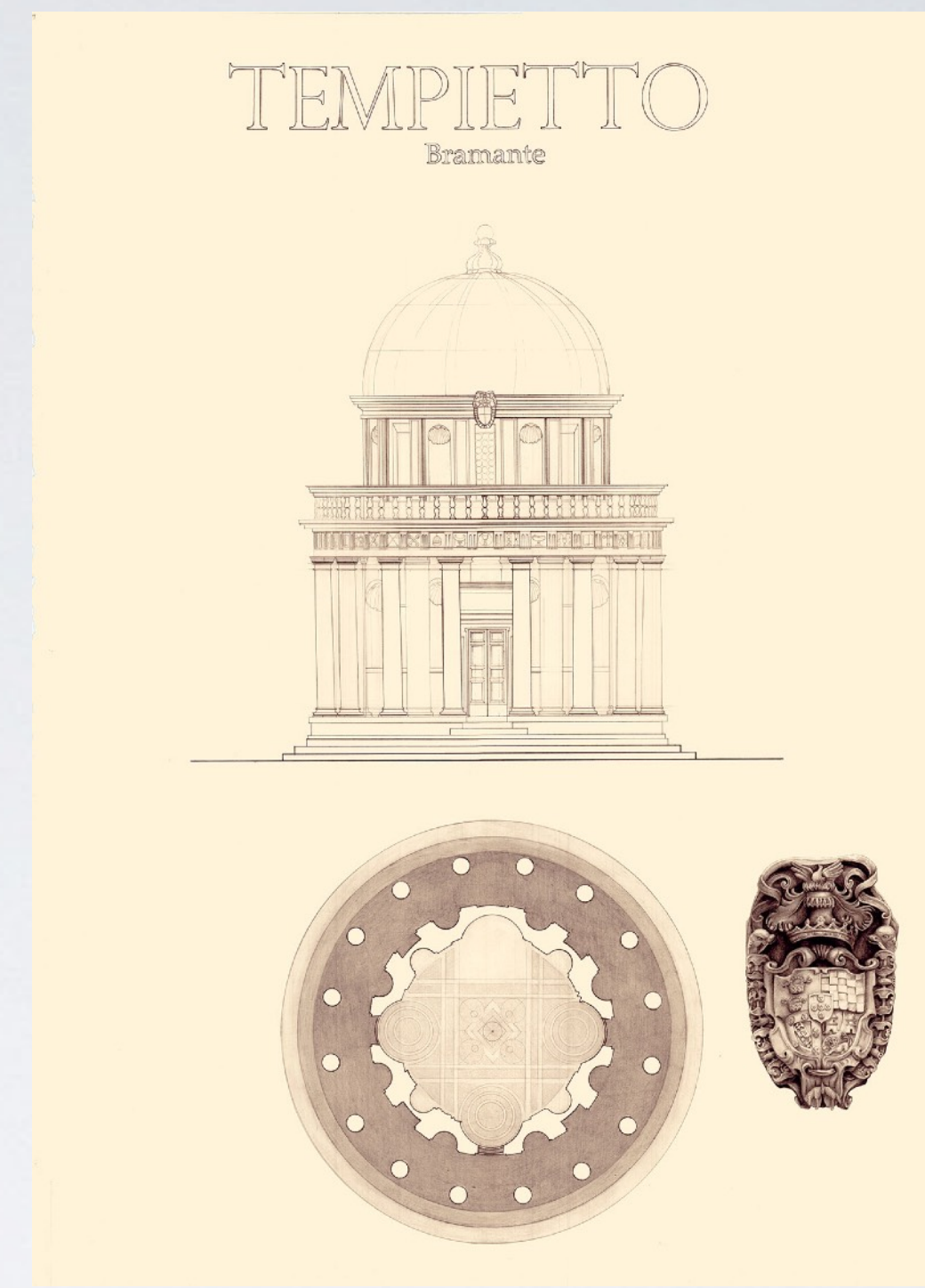
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East Facade of the Louvre



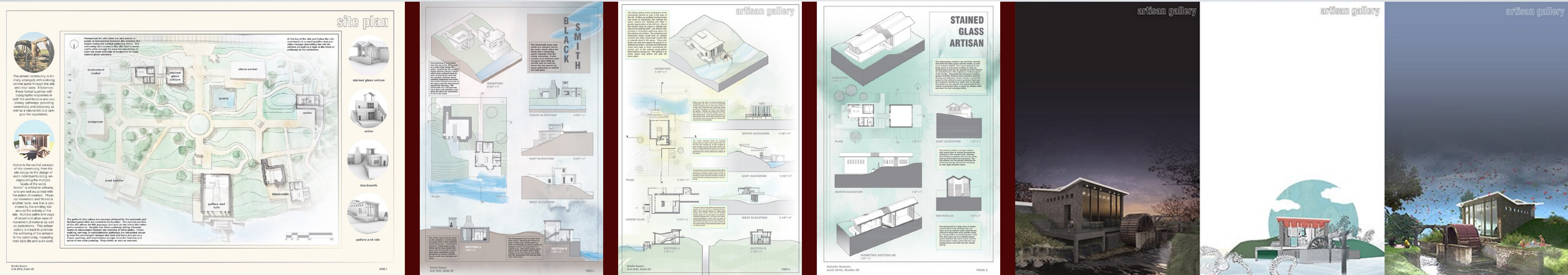
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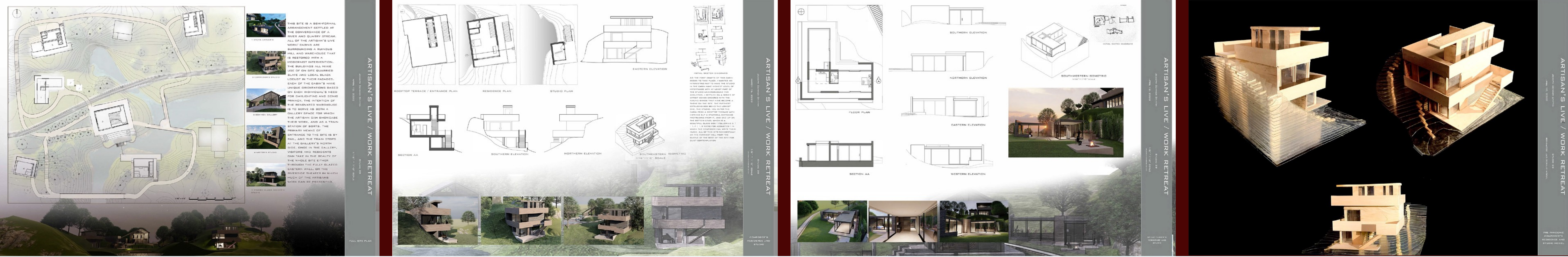
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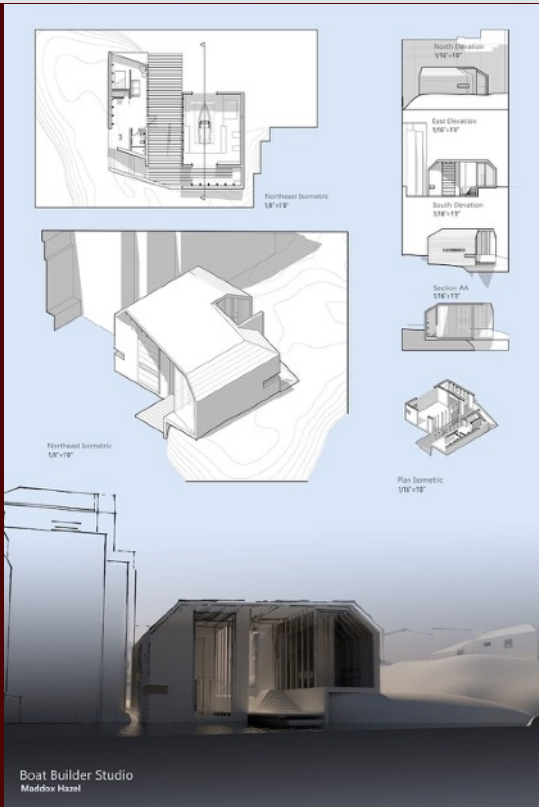
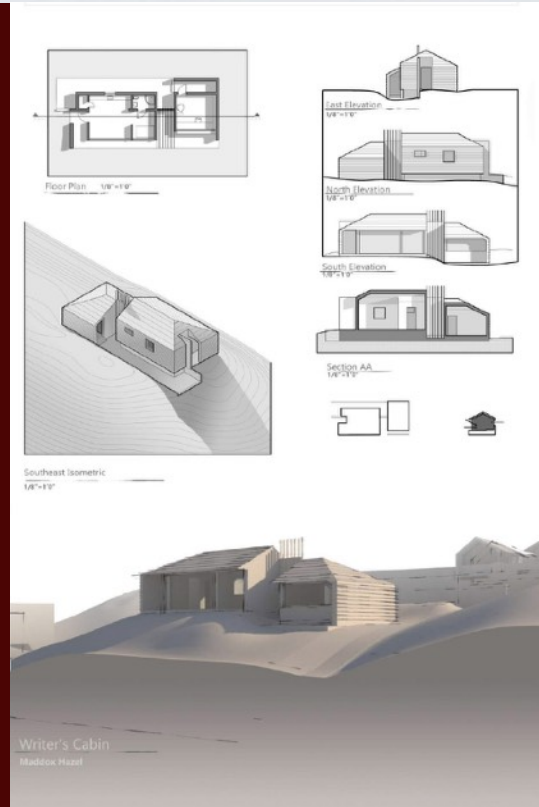
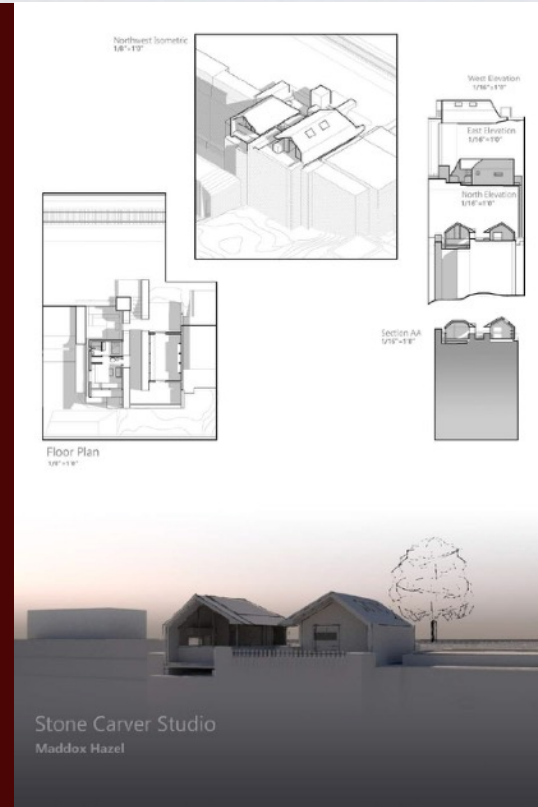
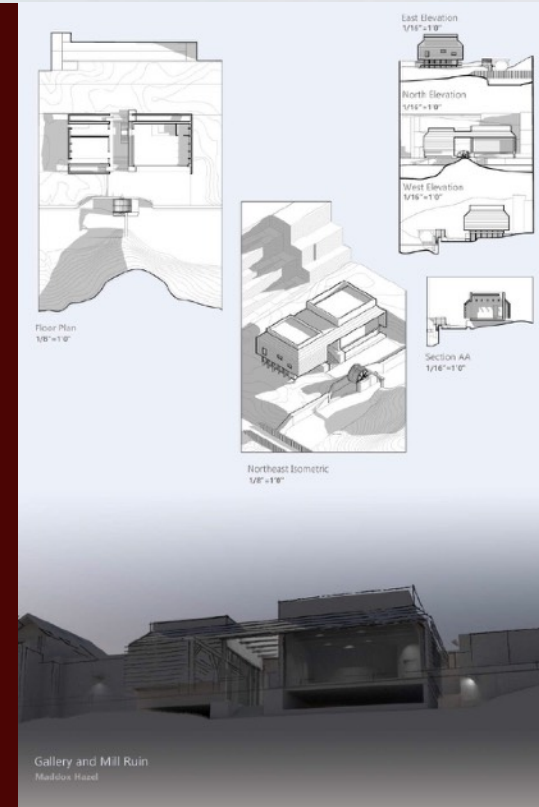
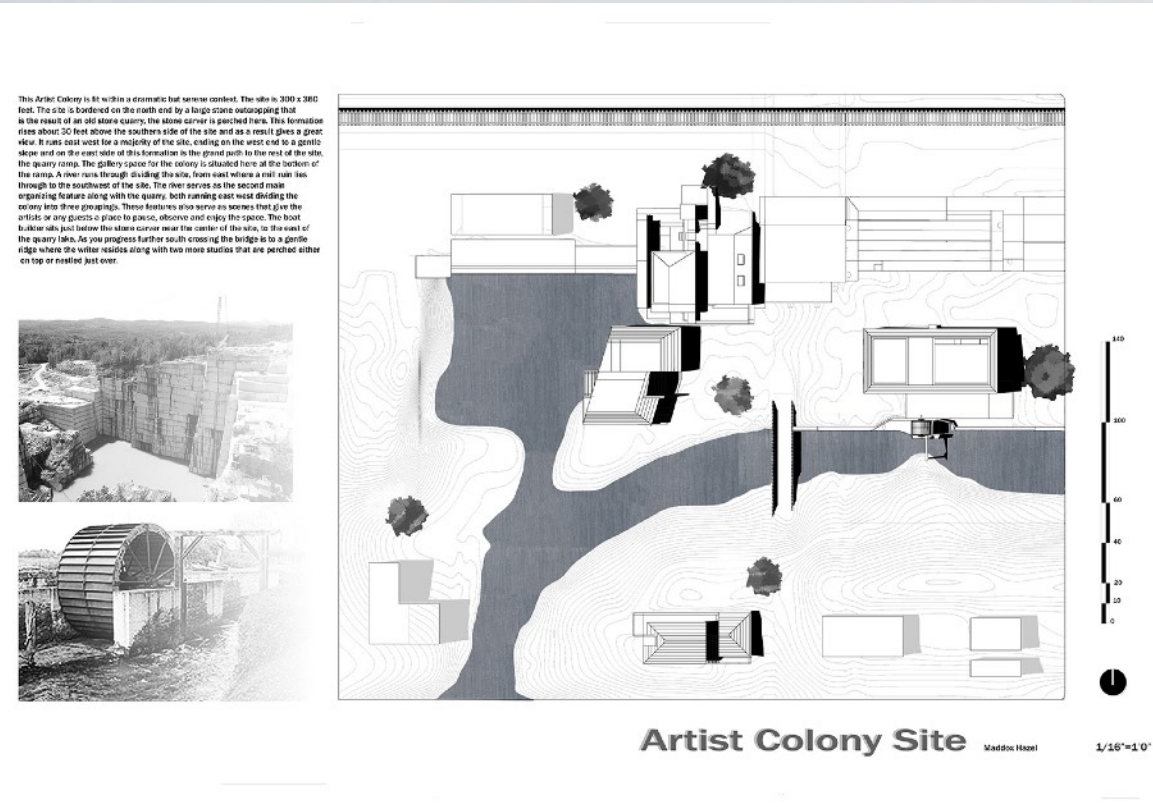
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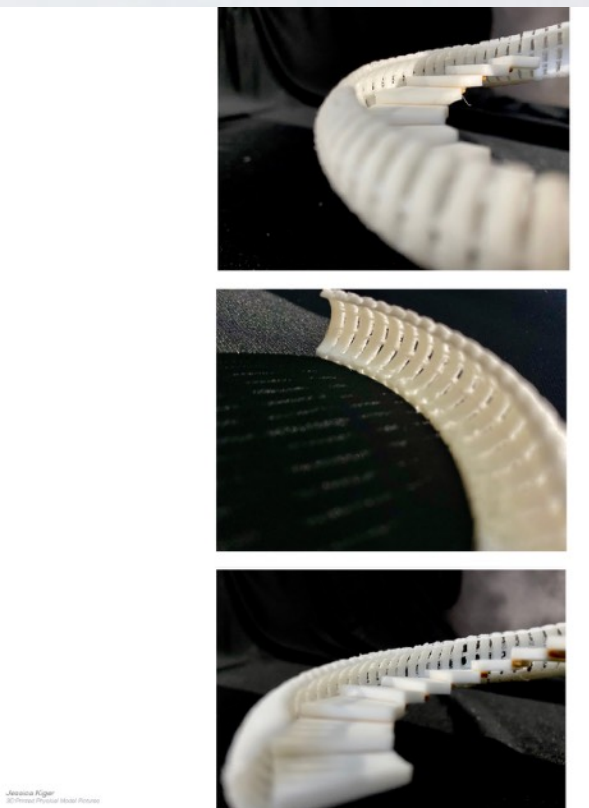
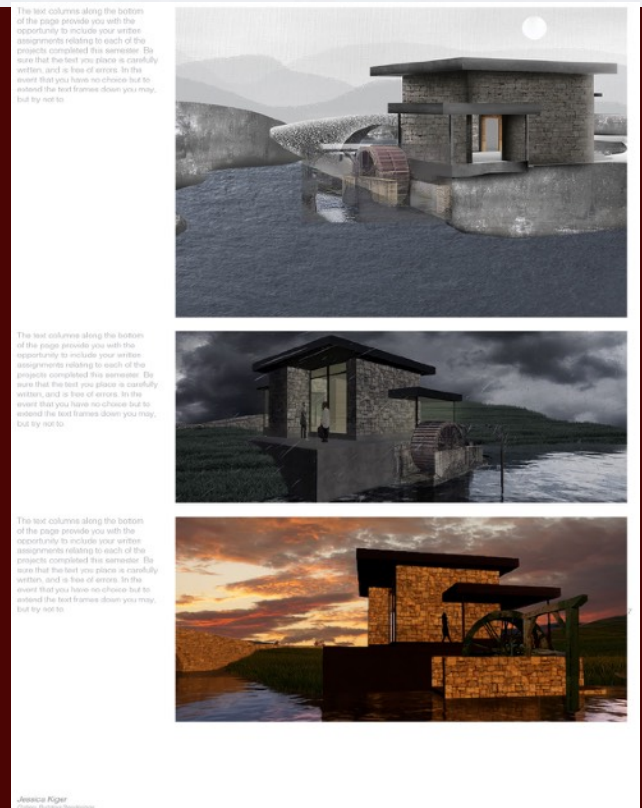
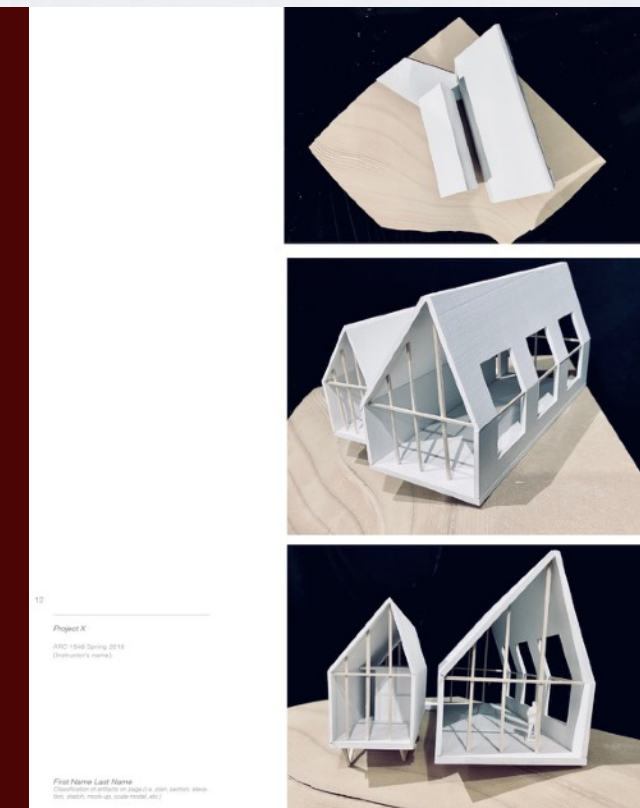
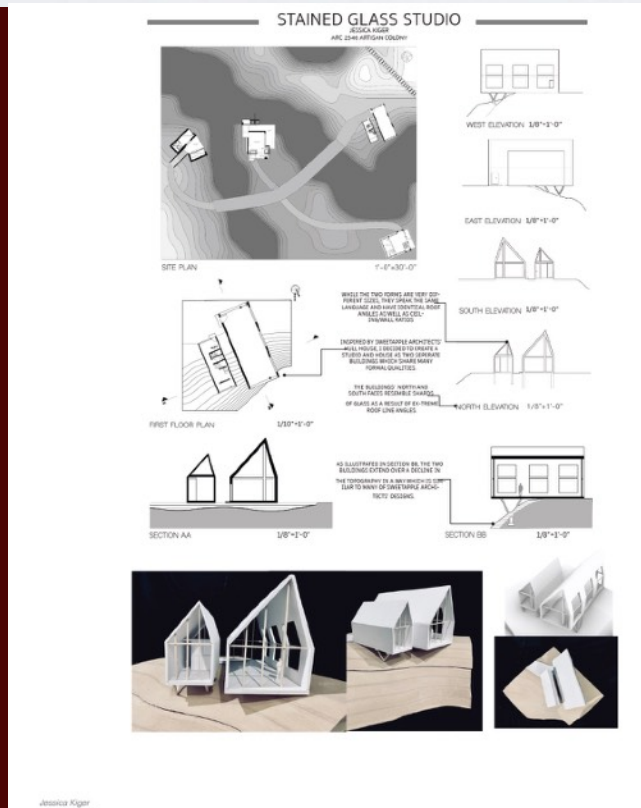
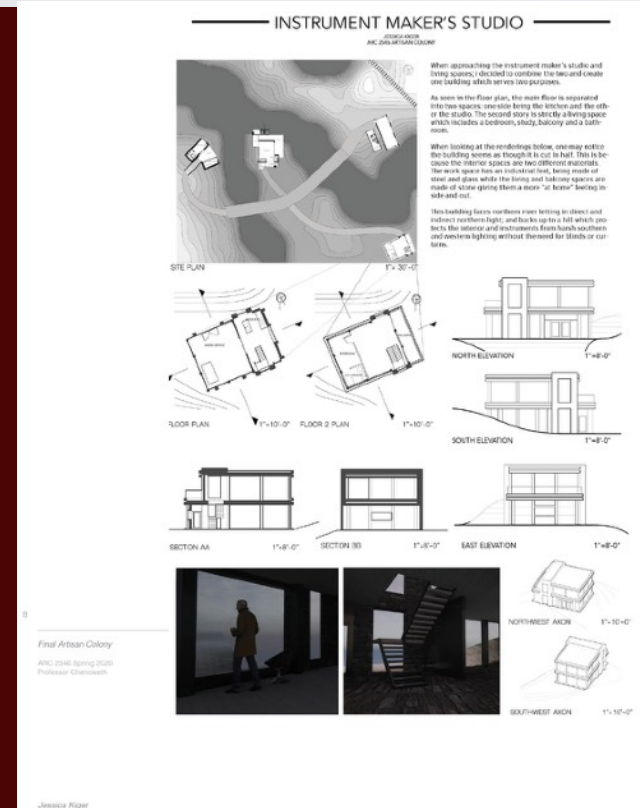
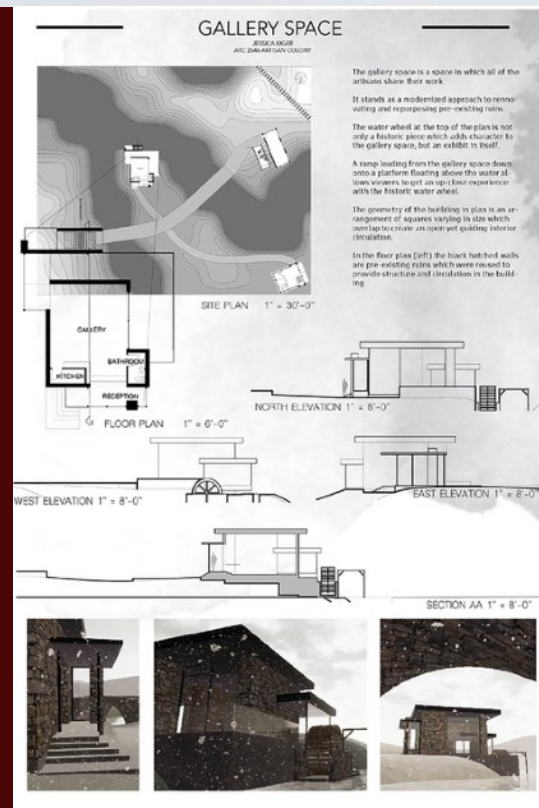
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**Design of an Artist's Compound on a topographically complex site with several preexisting features (2nd Year Architecture students)**

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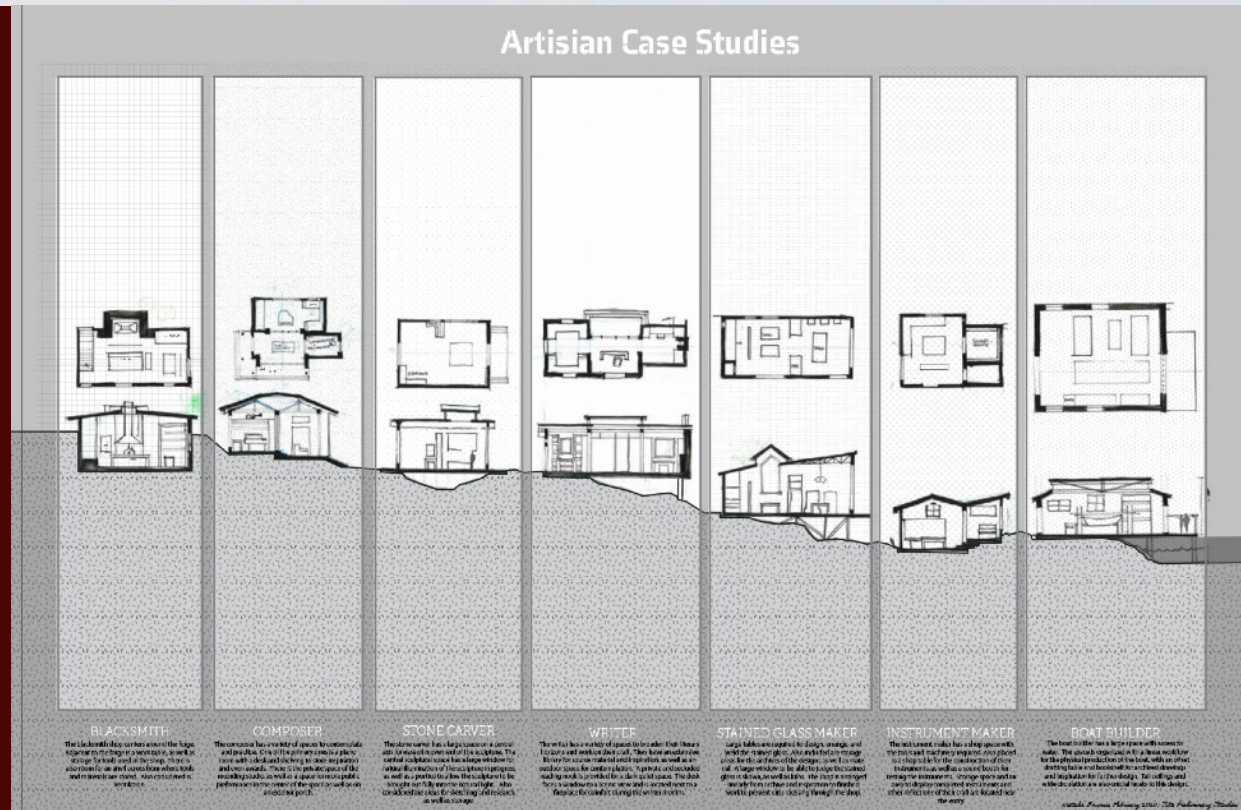
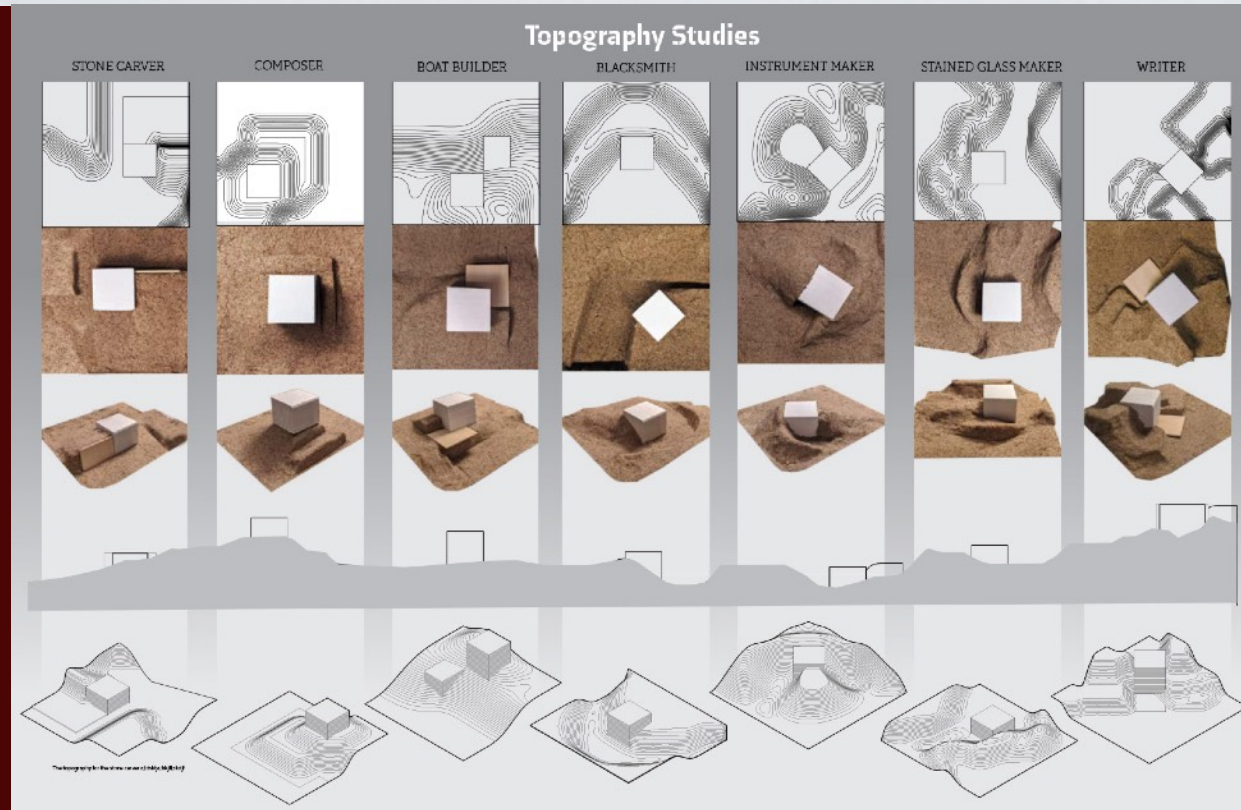
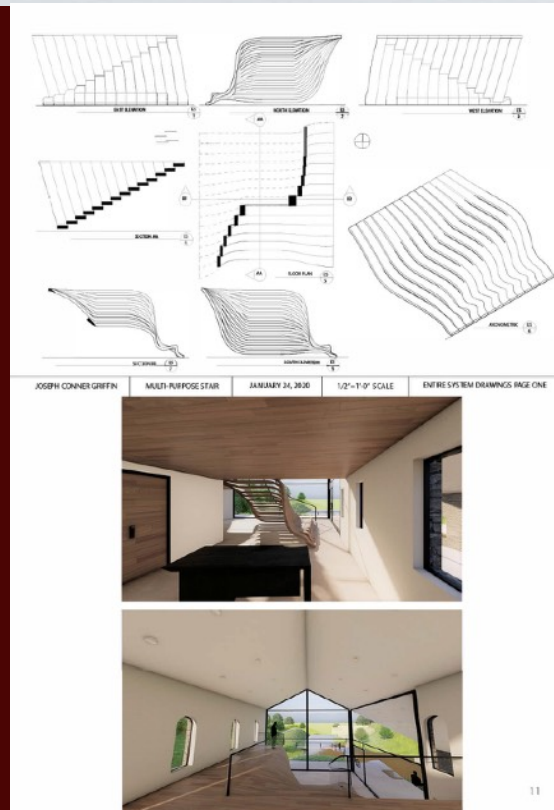
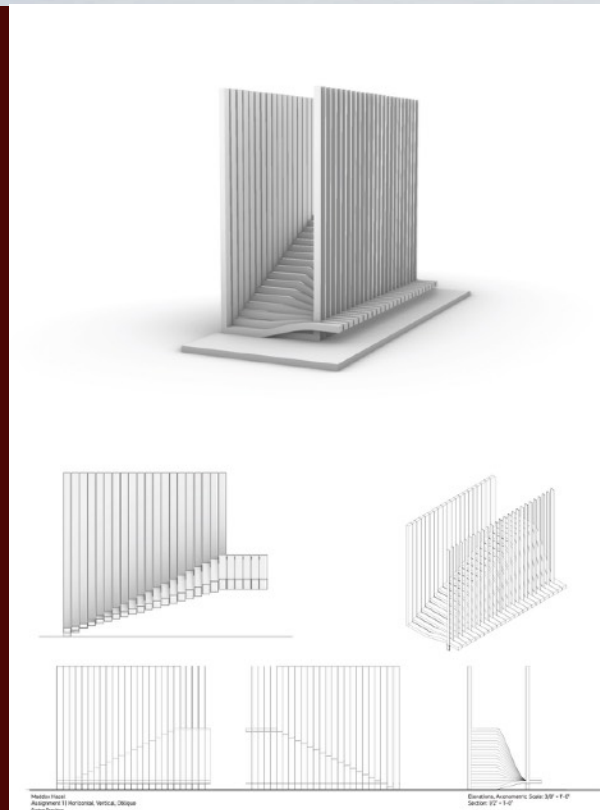


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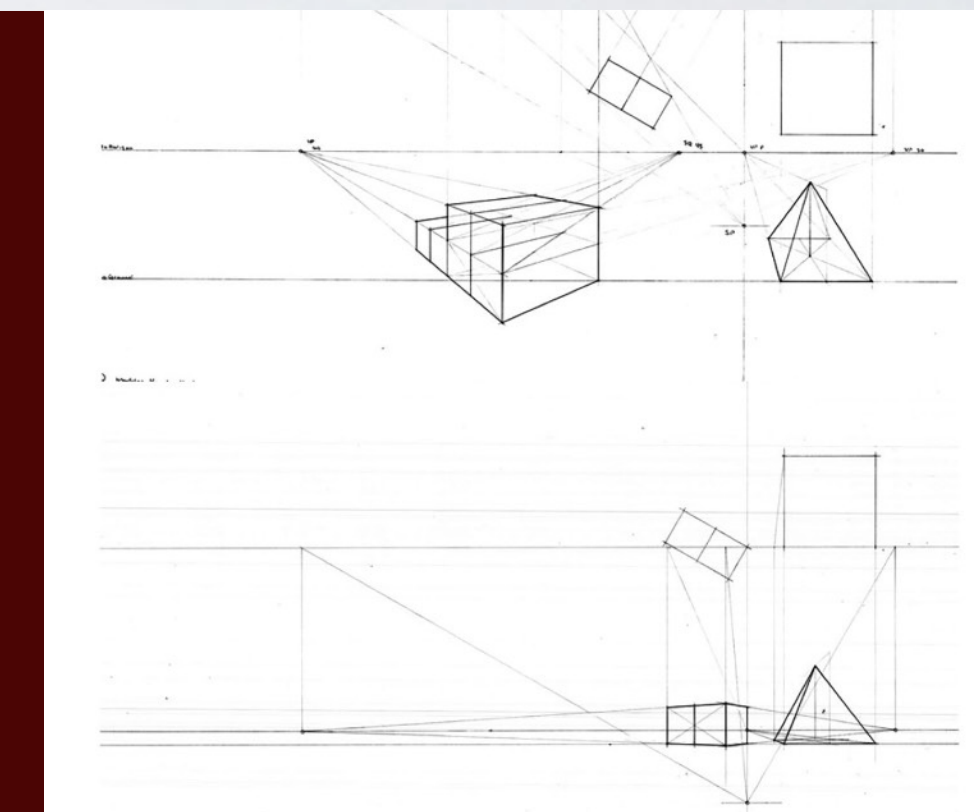
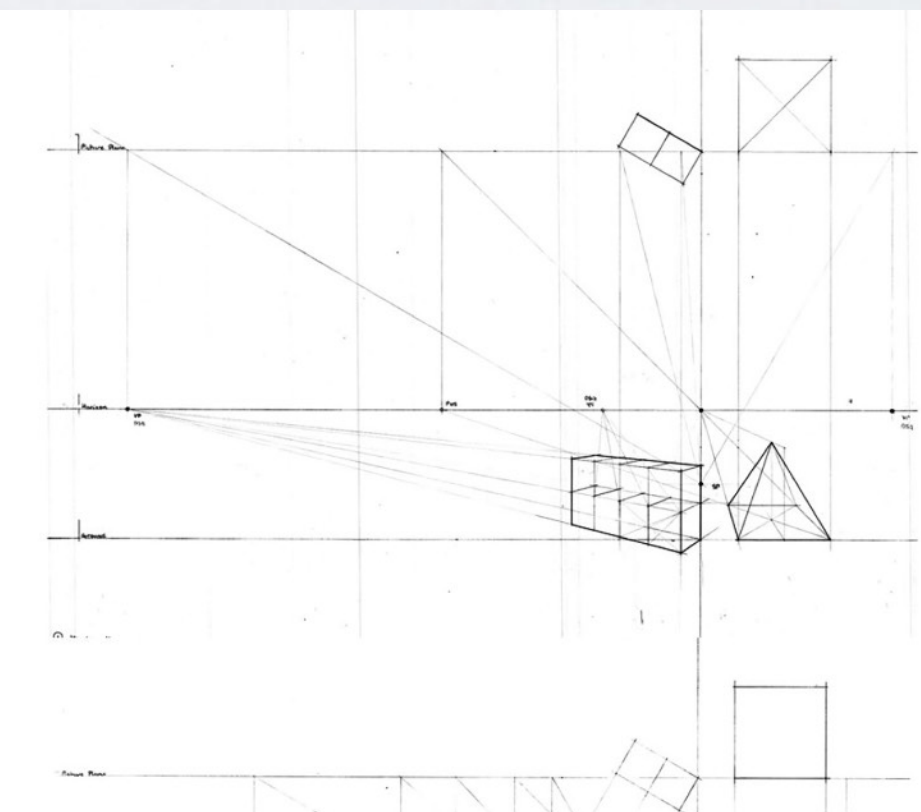
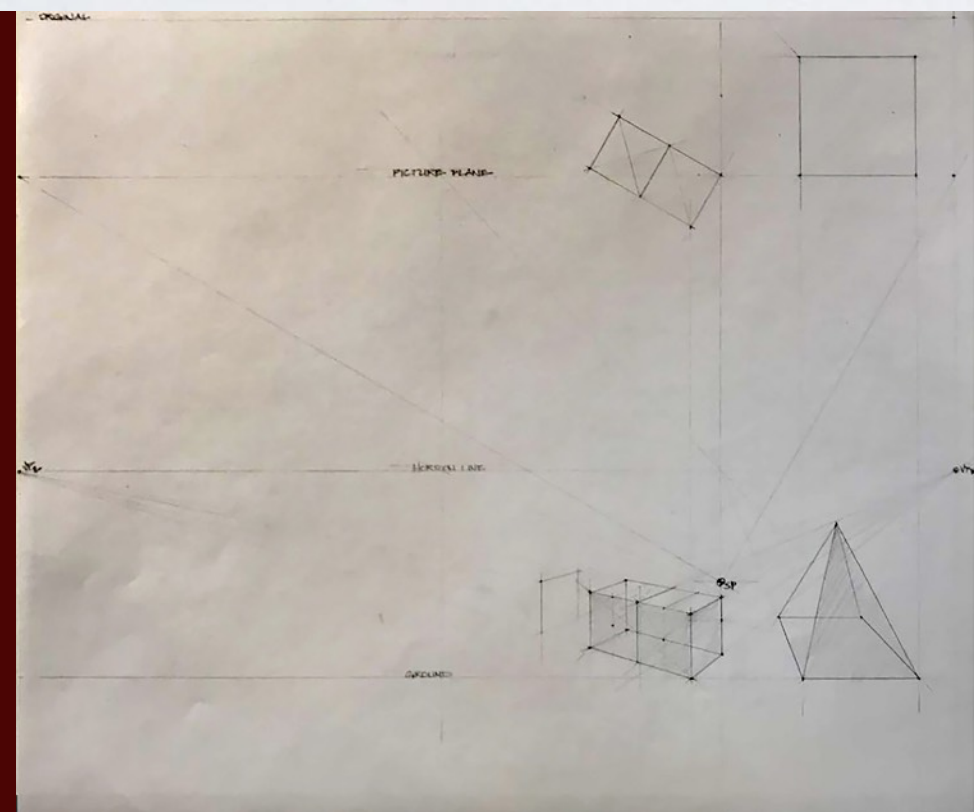
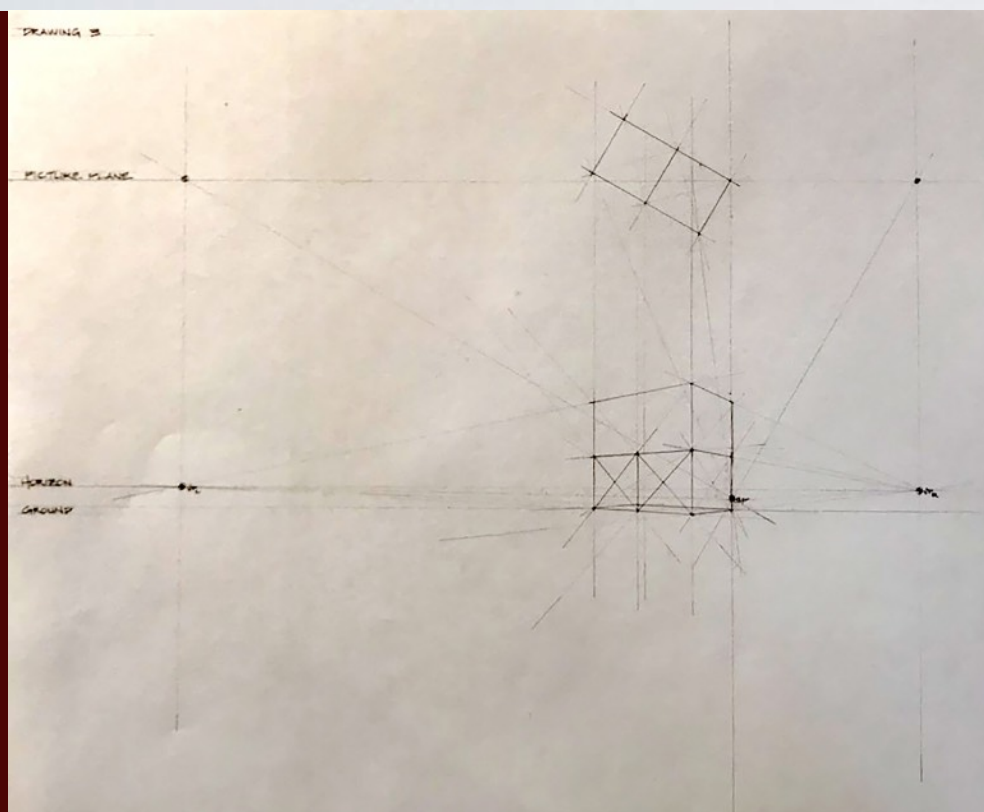


## Student B

Design of an Artist's Compound on a topographically complex site with several preexisting features (2nd Year Architecture students)

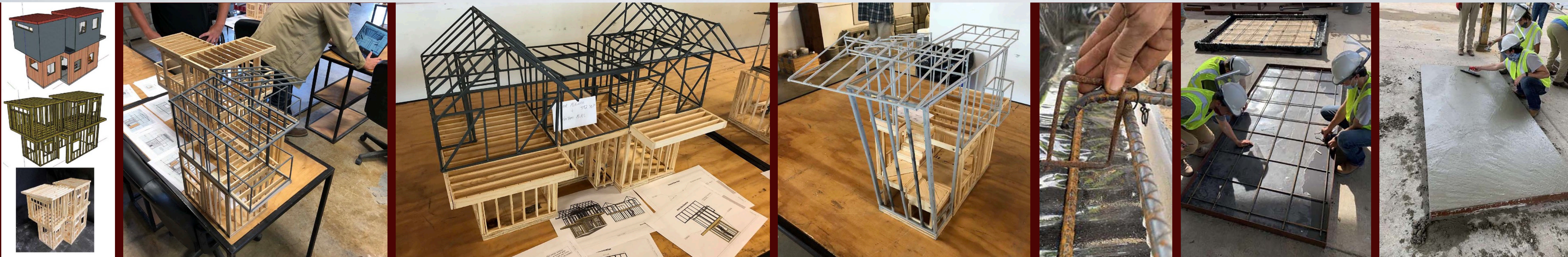


Examples of Rhino stair and Site Analysis

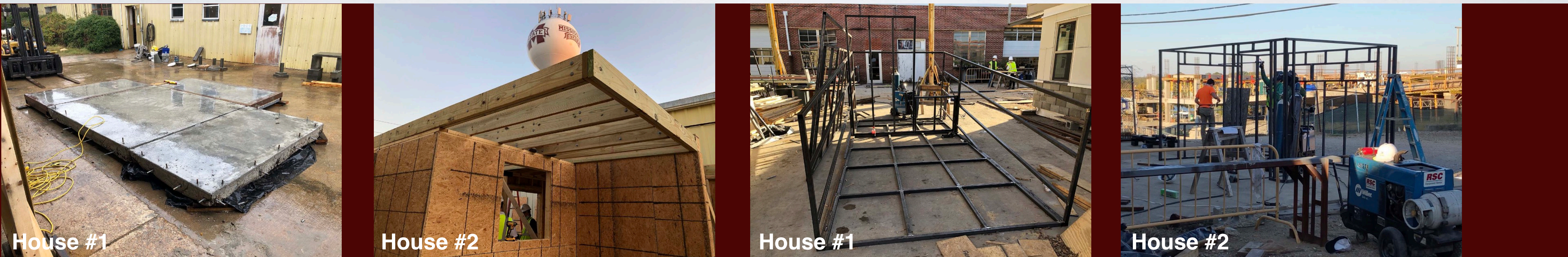


Examples of Perspective construction Renaissance style

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**Design of modular 250-400 s.f. Tiny Houses: concept sketching, design, computer models, and physical models (1st Year BCS students)**



**Design and Build of modular 250-400 s.f. Tiny Houses from initial design through construction (1st Year BCS students)**

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House #1



House #2



House #1



House #2



House #1



House #2



House #2



House #2



House #1



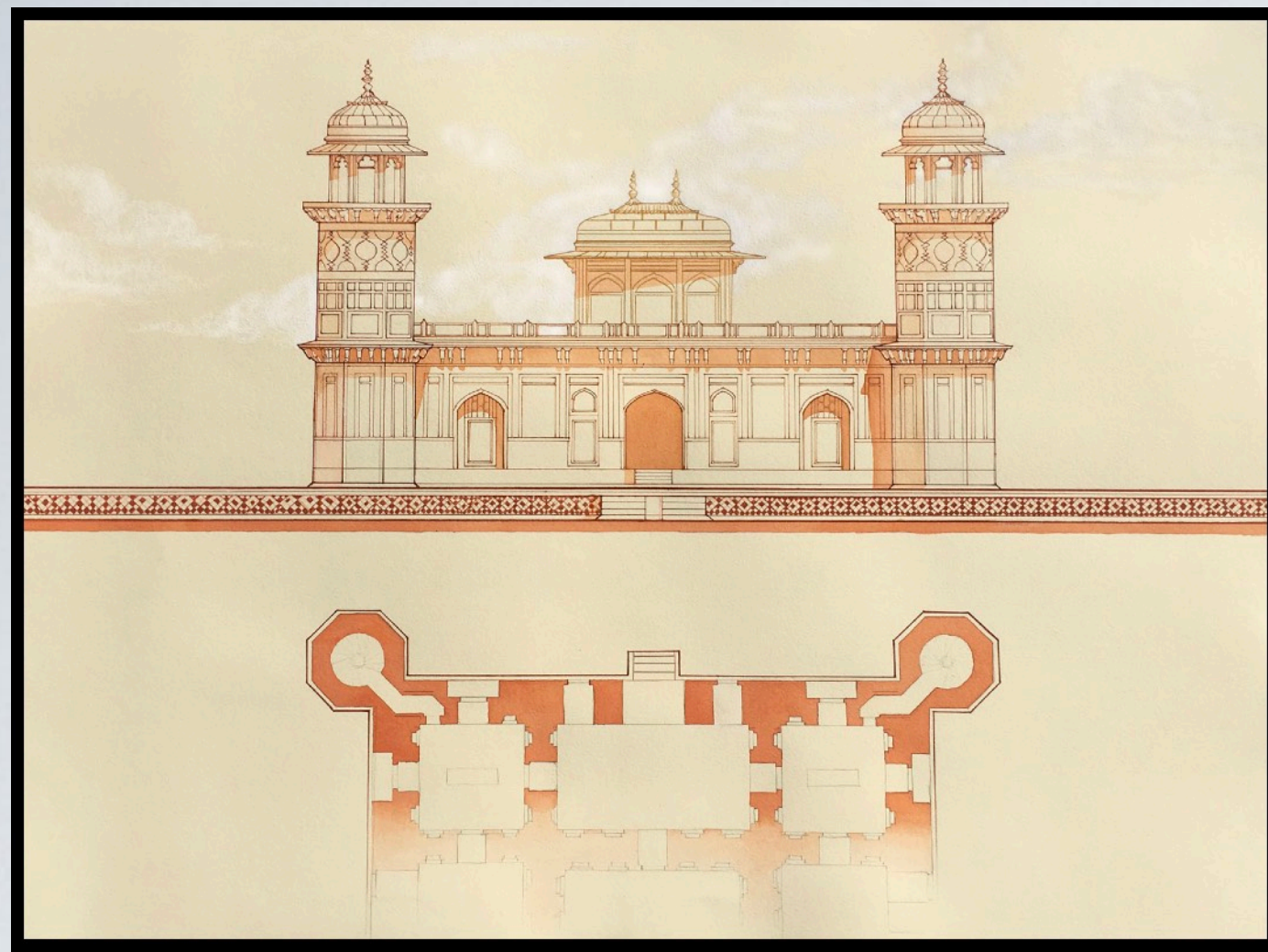
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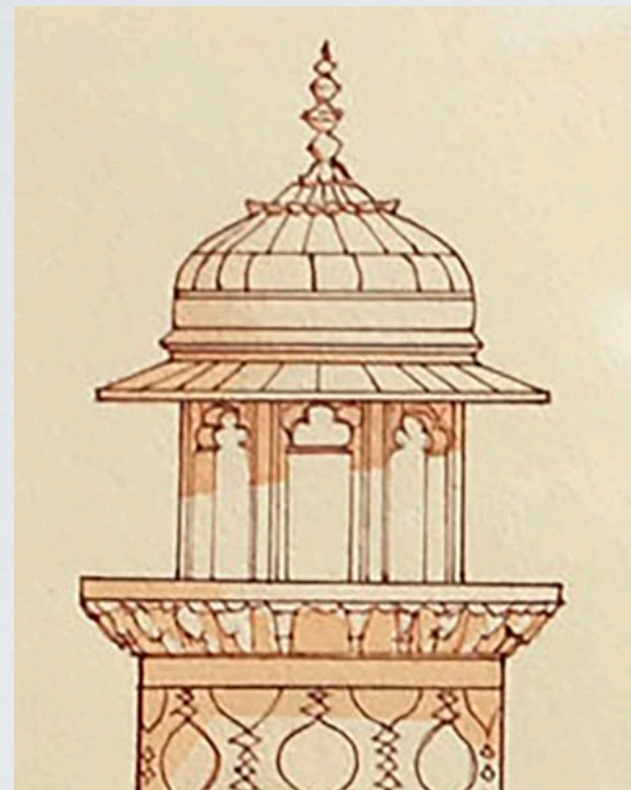
House #2

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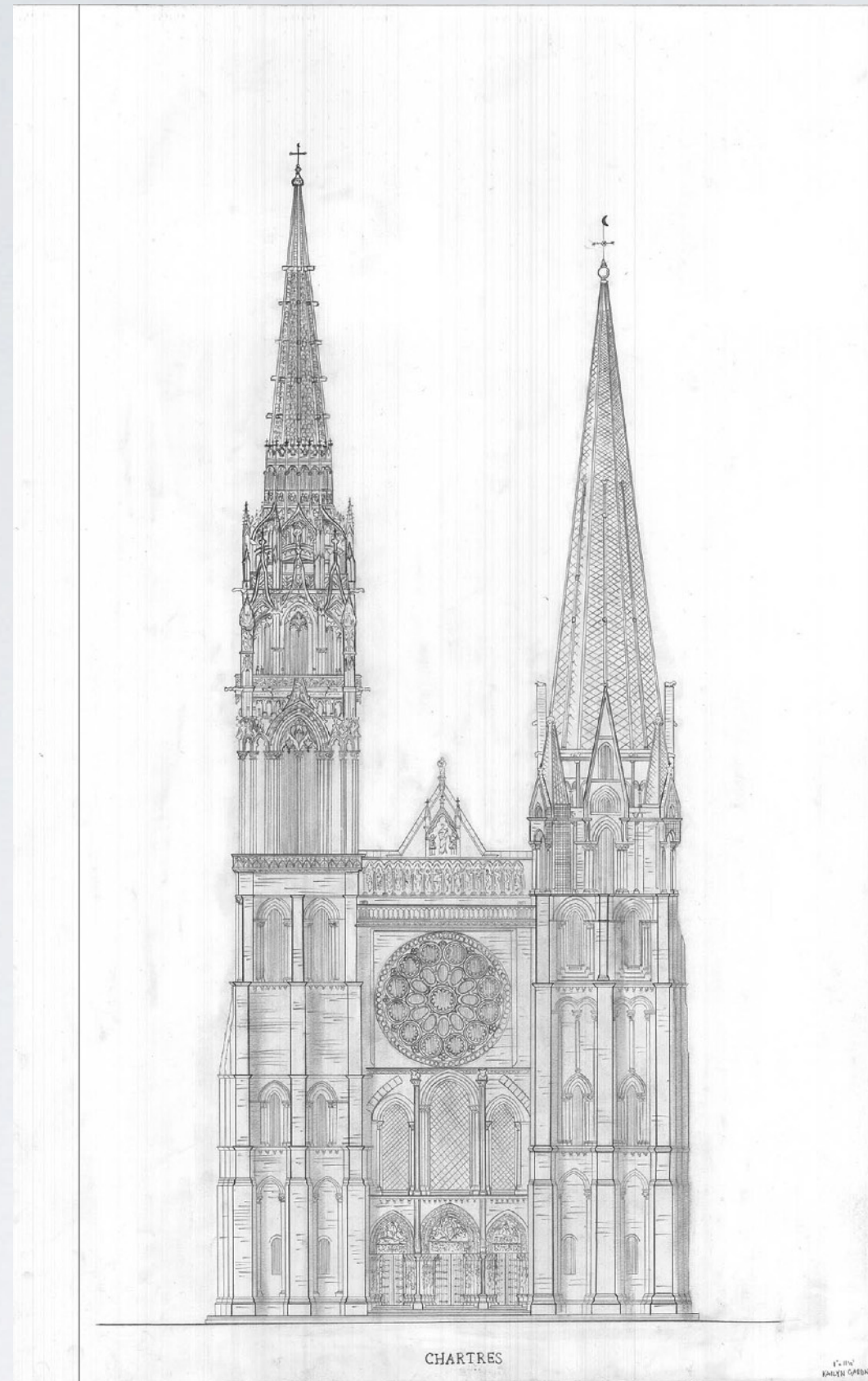
> End of Fall semester



I'timad-ud-Daulah



I'timad-ud-Daulah (detail)



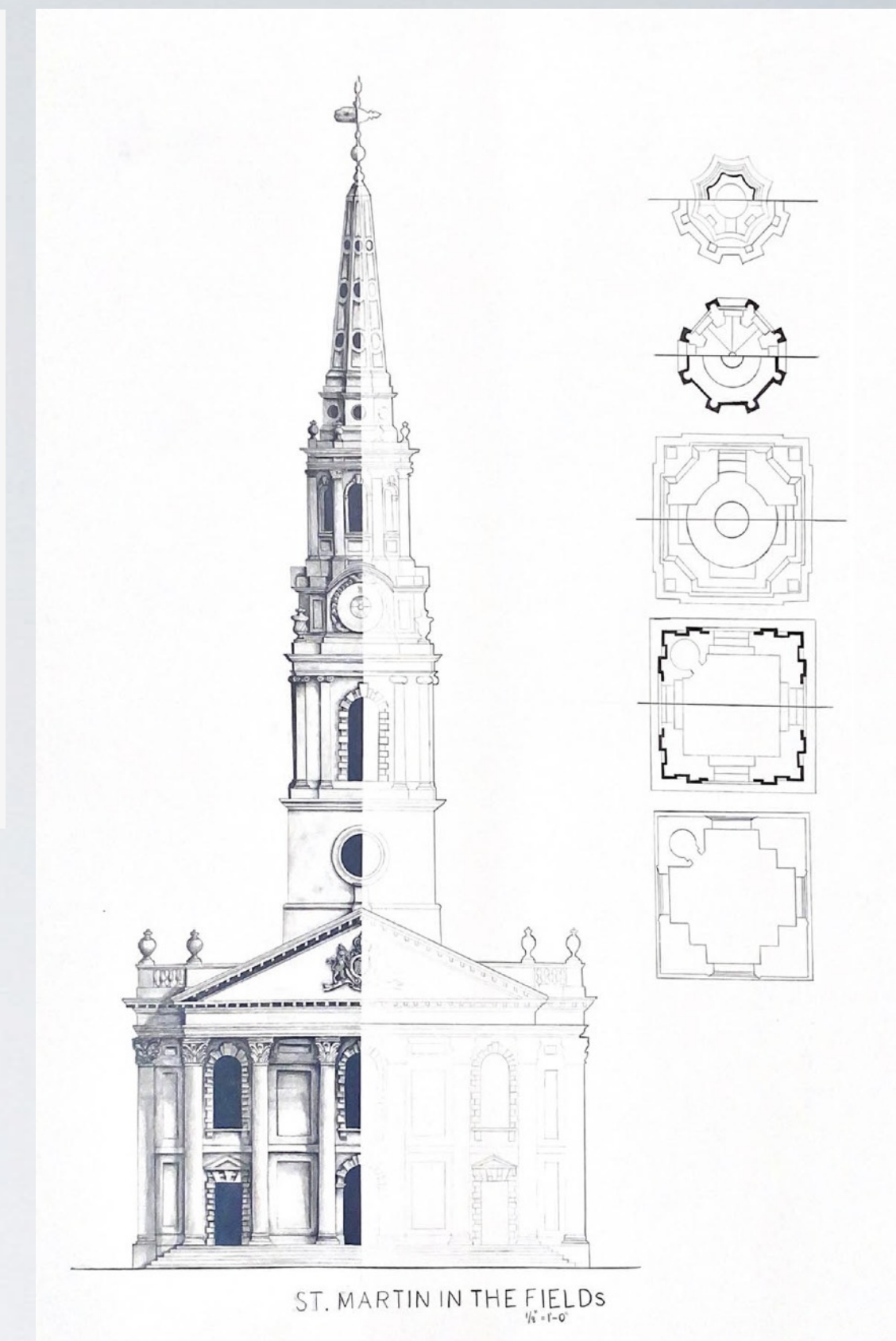
Chartres Cathedral



Palazzo Chiericati



St. Peter's Basilica



St. Martin in the Fields

## Architectural History II (our drawing exercise)

> In teaching Architectural History, I like to emphasize drawing, imagery, language, and publications. As part of my course I ask students to deeply investigate a building of their choice by drawing it in great detail. It's an excellent way to fully understand architecture as the program, the parti, the arrangement, the scale, and the details all become graphically evident in a careful drawing which can be a valuable portfolio contribution for the student.



Asphalt shingle



Good drip-edge flashing



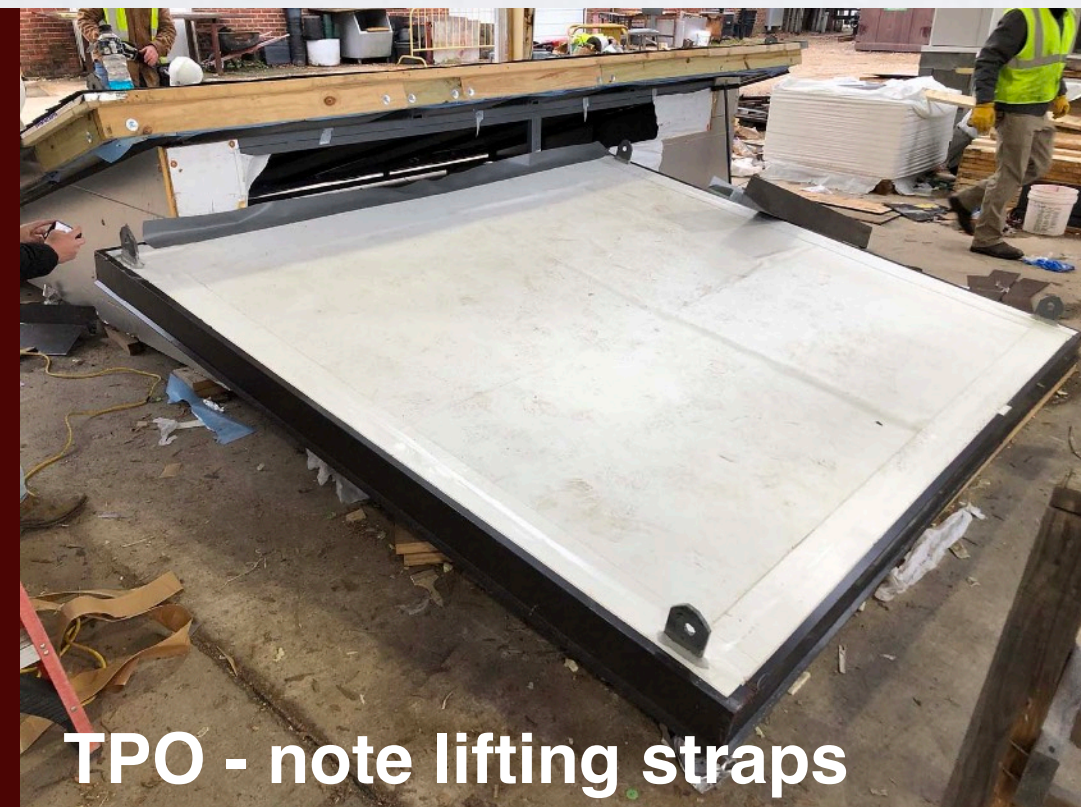
Standing seam



Head-wall & rake-edge flashing



EPDM w nice head-wall



TPO - note lifting straps



Standing seam above stair



Standing seam

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Hardie plank



Casting concrete panels



Concrete panels  
Steel shingles



Standing seam



Prep for reverse board & batten



Stucco (EIFS)



Randomized Hardie panels



Inside House #2



Inside House #1



House #2



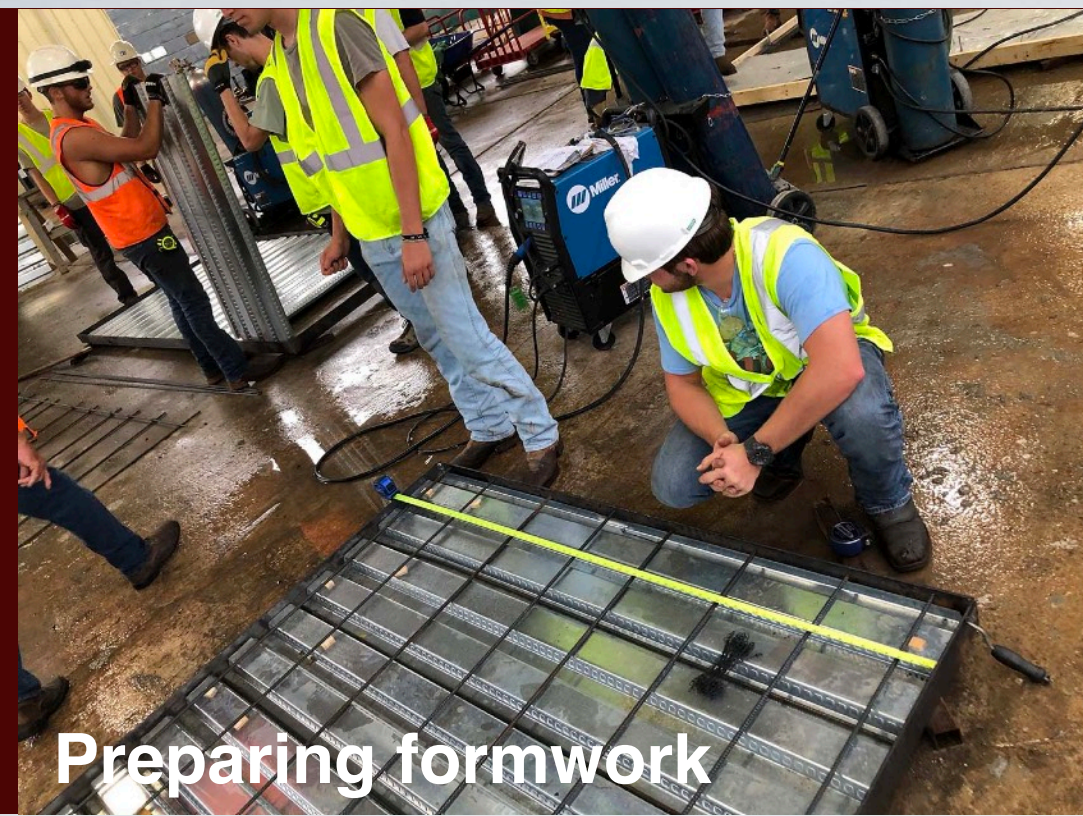
House #1



House #1

## Design and Build of modular 250-400 s.f. Tiny Houses from initial design through construction (1st Year BCS students)

> End of Spring semester



Preparing formwork



Pour day + hard-troweling

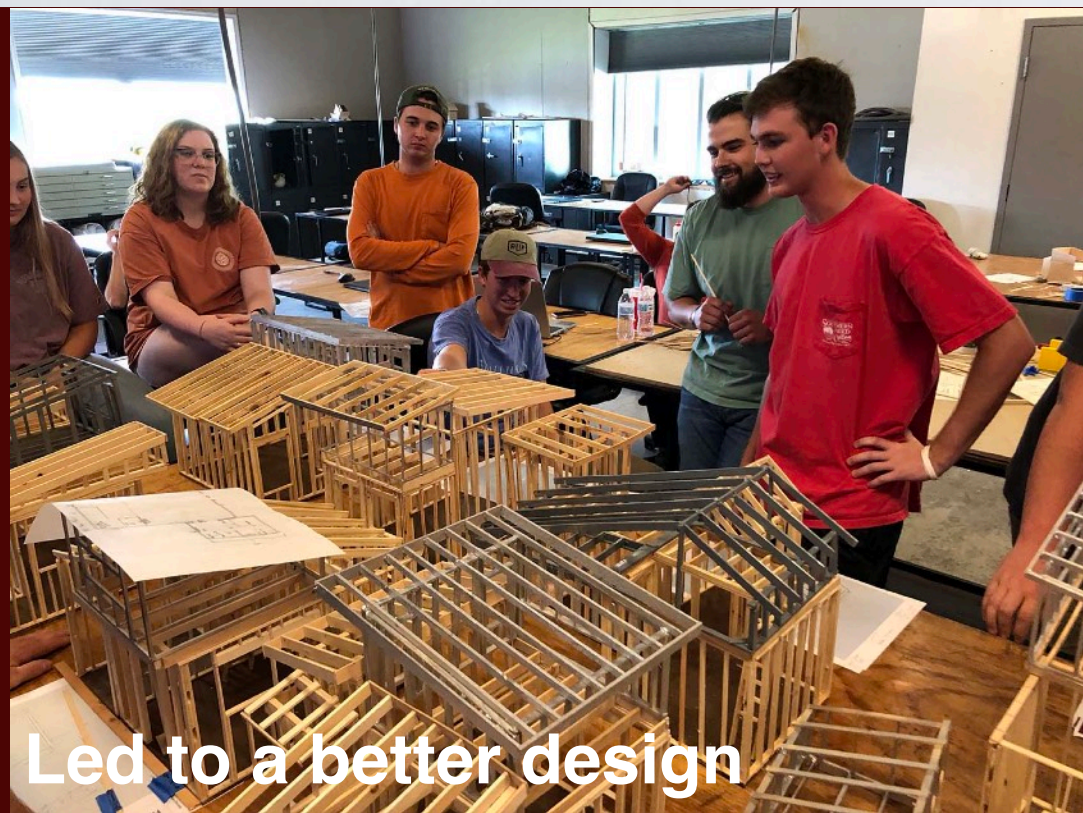


Back inside to design house



Good critiques...

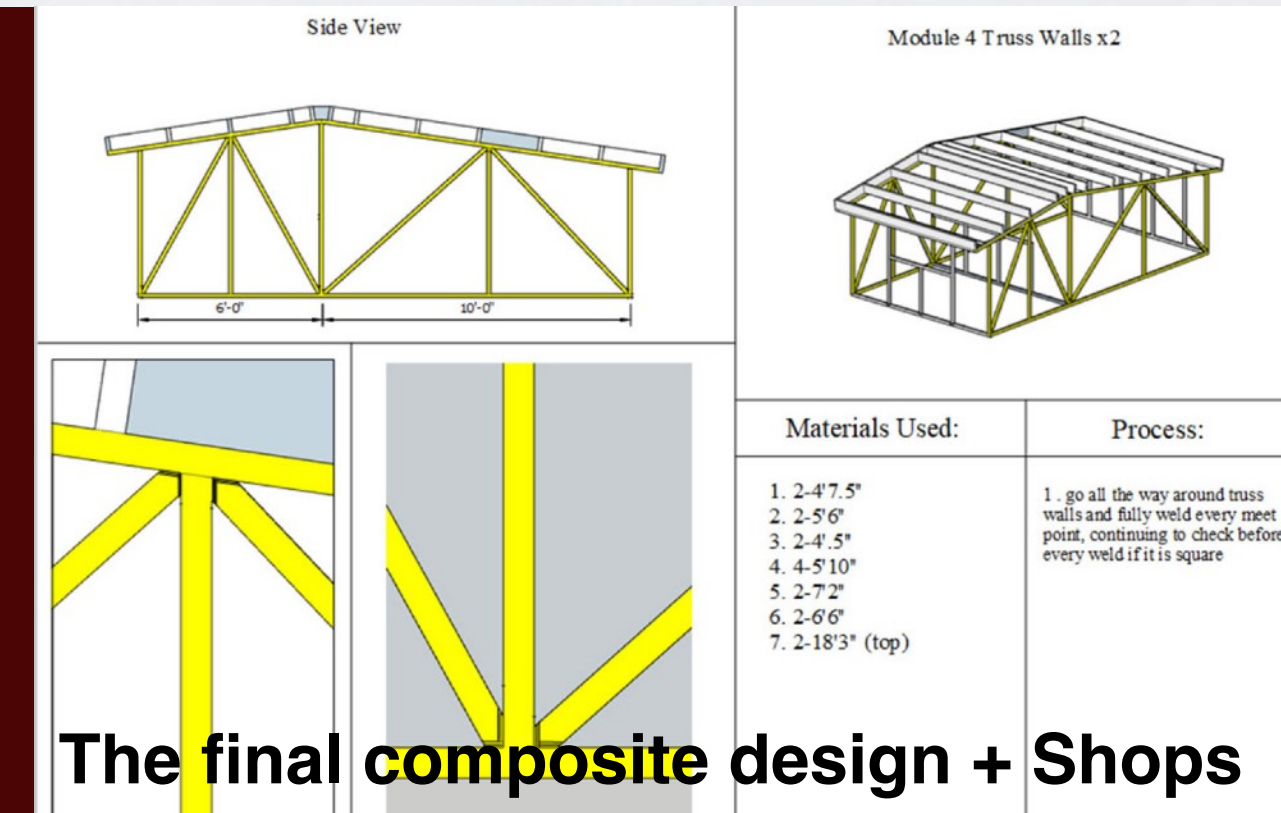
### Design and Build of modular 250 s.f. Tiny House from initial design through construction (1st Year BCS students Summer Session)



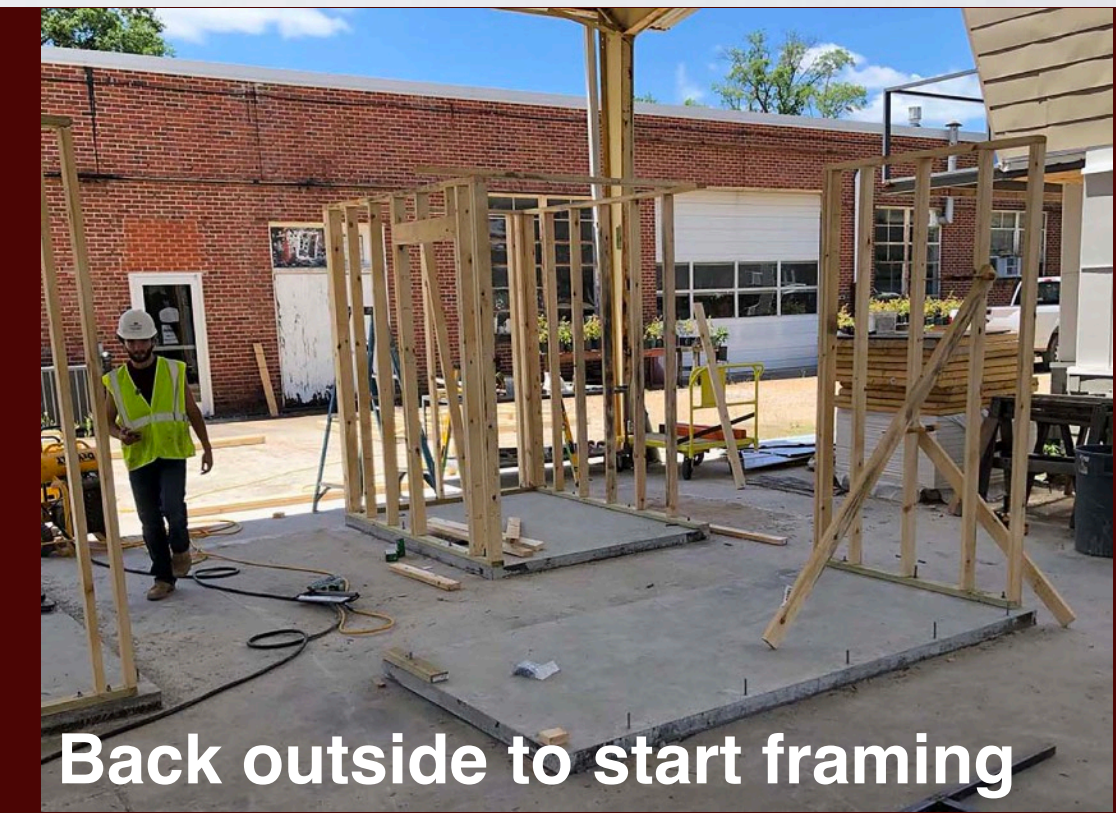
Led to a better design



The final composite design



The final composite design + Shops



Back outside to start framing

### Design and Build of modular 250-400 s.f. Tiny Houses from initial design through construction (1st Year BCS students)

> In the Summer Sessions, the course work is very intensive. Our studio meets from 8:00am - 5:00pm every day of the week. As a result, we move much quicker and our Tiny House (one house - sixteen students) is of slightly smaller scale and is completely designed and built between the start of June and the end of July - about 30 meeting days. BCS 1116A is in June and BCS 1126B is in July. Though the building goes much faster, we still have our requisite lectures and tests and projects designing and developing the Tiny House. A summer session house probably won't have a stair and a full second story, but it will have a ladder and a loft per Tiny House codes. Similar systems and procedures apply. The summer house had only three lower modules with concrete slabs and one upper module which in this case was a steel truss so we could gain space within the cantilever.



A jig screwed to concrete



Steel cage w two trusses



6 X 8 module



10 X 10 module



5 X 10 module



Fitting two modules



5 X 10 module has a sloping roof



Steel cage is a 16 X 9 module



Cage on framing



End of first Summer Session

Design and Build of modular 250-400 s.f. Tiny Houses from initial design through construction (1st Year BCS students)



**Connections**

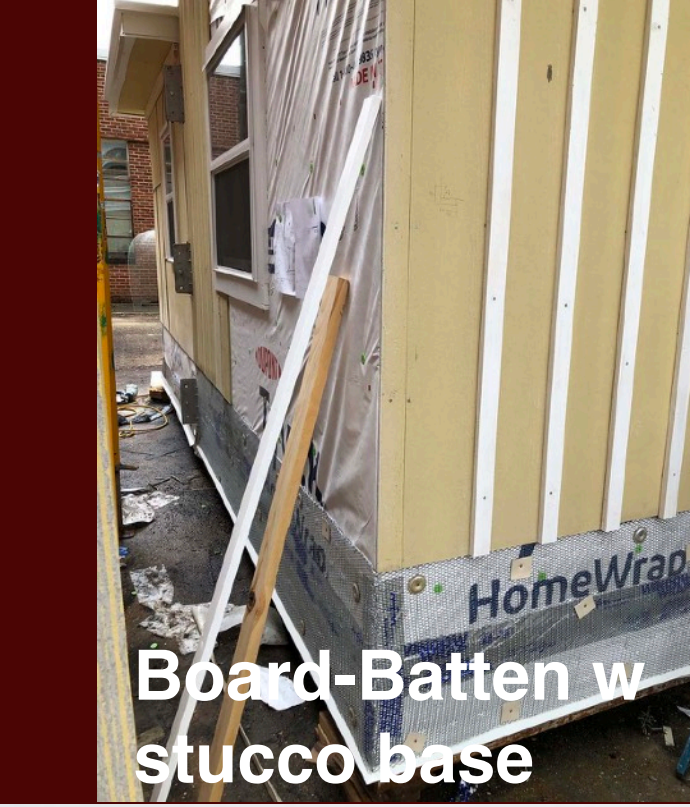
**Screw-down metal roof**

**Flashing on EPDM roof**

**Asphalt shingles at rear**

**Panelized Hardie Board**

Roofing research, lectures, detailing, Shop Drawings were next, followed by our three roofs. Lectures, research, and detailing on wall systems followed roofing at which point we built the wall systems, again, with great consideration for proper flashing and connections of the modules.



**Board-Batten w  
stucco base**

**Metal above  
Concrete base panels below**

**Completion day**

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> End of Summer semesters