Weekly Reflections

Week 6

Sunday, September 29th

This evening I helped Judy, my mentor, conduct a tour for Clemson School of Architecture + Health of the MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's hospital. Then, colleagues and I helped Perkins + Will with a marketing session where we posed as nurses and doctors for photoshoots of the patient tower corridors and other areas.

Monday, September 30th

My team was in meeting all day and didn't have anything specific for me to work on, so I worked on my homework.

Tuesday, October 1st

Today I transitioned into the Calhoun street office to help the hospitality team with revit model modifications (Value Engineering) for the new Wild Dunes Hotel.

Wednesday, October 2nd

The Wild Dunes hotel came back exceeding client budget, so the team needs to VE the drawings to be more cost-effective. Today I updated all of the sliding doors for the water room in each hotel suite to be typical swing doors to start bringing down cost.

Thursday, October 3rd

Today I updated the ceiling panels from a wood veneer to 2x2 ACT panels in the conference rooms and corridors to hotel rooms in another effort to bring down cost.

Weekly Reflection

This week was busy and also was my first time for a few things. I had never been in a photo marketing session like what we did with Perkins and Will on Sunday, nor had I value-engineered a hotel (or any other building before). **Total Hours worked: 20**

Week 7 Monday, October 7th Sick today - Out of office.

Tuesday, October 8th

Today I continued to VE the hotel by changing ceiling details and updating ceiling plan finishes.

Wednesday, October 9th

I finished helping value-engineer the hotel and updating corresponding detail sections. I then moved to a new project the second half of the morning – The Georgia Health Sciences Medical Center Department: Children's Hospital addition.

Thursday, October 10th

I continued my efforts towards the planning for the Georgia Children's Hospital Addition by reviewing the floor plans and circulation status of the current Children's Hospital.

Weekly Reflection

Since I was leaving for fall break this week, I made sure I was prepped with what needed to get done the following week. Judy, my mentor, walked me through the Children's Hospital of Georgia and explained why we needed circulation diagrams of the existing building and what value that would bring.

Total Hours worked: 12

Week 8 Monday, October 14th - Tuesday, October 15th Out of Office – Fall Break

Wednesday, October 16th

I worked on circulation diagrams for all existing floor plans of the Children's Hospital of Georgia which included primary, secondary, and tertiary circulation.

Thursday, October 17th

I continued to work on circulation diagrams for all existing floor plans of the Children's Hospital of Georgia.



Weekly Reflection

This seemed like a quick week since I was only in the office for 2 days. I knew that the next week would be busy so I was mainly doing tasks to prep for that. I also spent some time sketching circulation diagrams and giving my mentor a few options of what she might want them to look like in order to get them done quicker and more efficiently. **Total Hours worked: 8**

Week 9

Monday, October 21st

Finished the circulation diagrams for all existing floor plans of the Children's Hospital of Georgia to be finalized for the meeting on Tuesday.

Tuesday, October 22nd

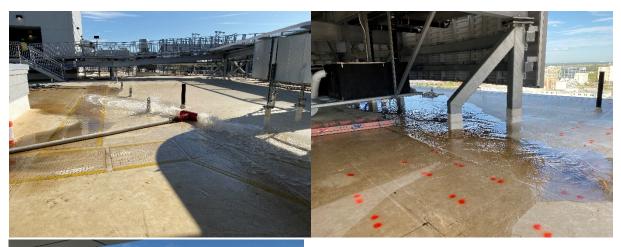
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Wednesday, October 23rd

Again - I helped VE the Wild Dunes hotel again by switching out certain doors which were over budget.

Thursday, October 24th

I went to the MUSC Children's Hospital to punch list the bed tower. We spent most of the time placing tape in areas which needed repair for the contractors to document. We also watched the fire sprinklers get tasted from the rooftop.





Weekly Reflection

I enjoyed working this week since I had to the opportunity to work on multiple and completely different tasks. Between circulation diagrams for an existing hospital to better understand what is needed for an expansion, value engineering doors/ canopies, and ceiling finishes for a destination hotel which came in way over budget, and punch listing fixtures and finishes in a newly built children's hospital – it was a diverse week of learning. **Total Hours worked: 16**

Week 10

Monday, October 28th - Tuesday, October 29th

I continued working on the Children's Hospital of Georgia expansion. We need to add two additional OR's to the OR Suite, so I spent these two days making a program of the existing OR suite to compare to the new one.

Wednesday, October 30th - Thursday October 31st

Out of office – traveled to New Orleans for the annual Healthcare Design Conference.

Weekly Reflection

This was a short week – especially since I just worked on an excel program spreadsheet. It was beneficial, however, in helping me understand best-practice square footages of operating rooms and surrounding support spaces.

TED TALK RESPONCE

Overall, I thought the Ted Talk made valuable points. However, I feel that it is blindsided to "blame the male gender" for mistakes made in architecture such as the design of a women's bathroom. To me, this is due to a lack of listening, observing and evidencebased design – which anyone can become victim to. In the case of the women's bathroom – sure a male might be naïve to female needs, and maybe it is best that a female design a female bathroom. But this is just one scenario where a female might create a higher quality space due their gender. That doesn't mean there aren't certain spaces that a male might be better off designing. My point is, gender is not the problem and to begin the discussion by blaming males for close-minded design seems naïve and unprofessional for a public speaker. Being a certain gender has nothing to do with today's issue of the lack of design diversity.