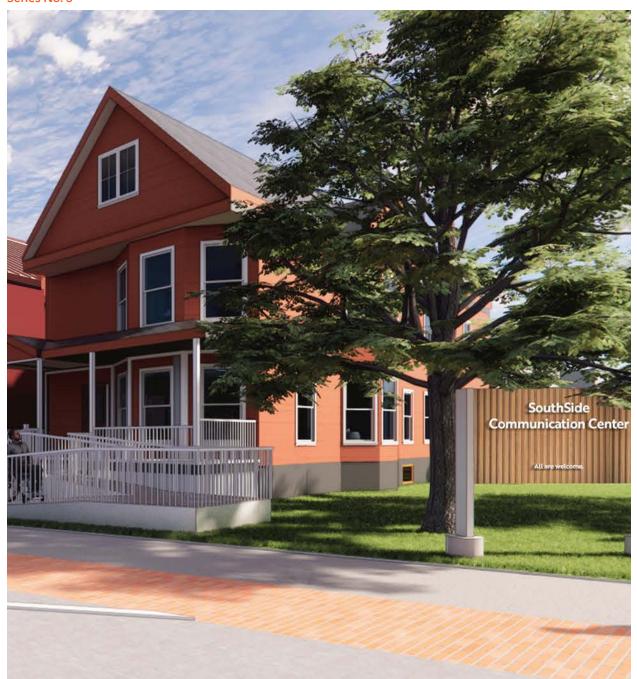
MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIP Series No. 5







Syracuse University Mary Ann Shaw Center for Public and Community Service





As Project Manager, Melanie Torres (2024 VPA Scholar) coordinated deliverables across five groups to oversee the efficiency of the project. She ensured all team members were well-informed, engaged, and on schedule while also resolving any conflicts that arose. Notably, she designed and curated the Meaningful Partnership booklet and exhibition at Genet Gallery.



Iona Volynets (2024 Marshall Scholar and Syracuse University Scholar), an intern from the Shaw Center, offered assistance to the Project Manager and the designers in DES 451 and construction managers in CME 454. They played a vital role in fostering a connection between the Shaw Center, which oversees service learning classes, and the initiative.

COMMUNITY DESIGN STUDIO

Welcome to the latest endeavor of the Community Design Studio, now in its sixth year of collaborative projects with community organizations, captured within these pages. Since its establishment in Fall 2017, the Community Design Studio, affectionately known as Meaningful Partnership, has been at the forefront of design education. Grounded in the principle of fostering connections with community organizations, this studio has played a pivotal role in providing impactful design and build solutions.

At its core, the Community Design Studio embodies a unique collaboration between the Syracuse University Environmental and Interior Design DES 451 studio course and the ESF Construction Management CME 454 course. Together, students from these disciplines harness their creativity and analytical skills to tackle community projects aimed at enriching the social, environmental, economic, and political fabric of Syracuse.

In 2022, the Community Design Studio found a natural alignment with the Mary Ann Shaw Center for Public and Community Service, marking a significant milestone in our journey. Under the continued guidance of Laurel Morton and Pamela Heintz, alongside the invaluable support of intern Iona Volynets, this partnership has elevated both our students' experiences and our impact on community clients.

During the academic term of 2023-2024, our aspiring designers and construction managers embarked on the transformation of the South Side Communication Center. Serving as a vital resource hub for families, particularly youth and women, in Syracuse's South Side community, this organization presented a compelling challenge. Through immersive site visits and stakeholder engagements, our teams developed innovative design proposals, construction timelines, and estimates, reflecting a collaborative spirit mirroring professional industry practices.

This year marks a significant milestone as we celebrate the honor of receiving recognition for our collaborative efforts in bridging education with the community. Being awarded the Institutional Innovation Award by IDEC (Interior Design Educators Council) underscores the profound impact of our work and serves as a testament to the dedication, creativity, and passion invested in the Community Design Studio. It highlights the transformative power of meaningful partnerships and collective synergy in driving positive change within our community.

I invite you to delve into the narratives, designs, and insights captured within these pages. May they inspire you to reimagine the possibilities of community-centric design and collaborative partnerships.

Zoriana Dunham Assistant Teaching Professor Program Coordinator, Environmental and Interior Design Program Syracuse University

DESIGN KICK-OFF / PROJECT INTRODUCTION



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PRE-DESIGN / SCHEMATIC DESIGN

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OCTOBER





DECEMBER

SEPTEMBER

FALL SEMESTER



SITE SURVEY / AS - BUILT / BLOCK BLITZ



NOVEMBER

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT





FEBRUARY

FINAL PRESENTATION / COMMUNITY DESIGN PROJECT EXHIBITION



APRIL

MARCH

JANUARY



DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION KICK-OFF



CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE / ESTIMATION / VALUE ENGINEERING

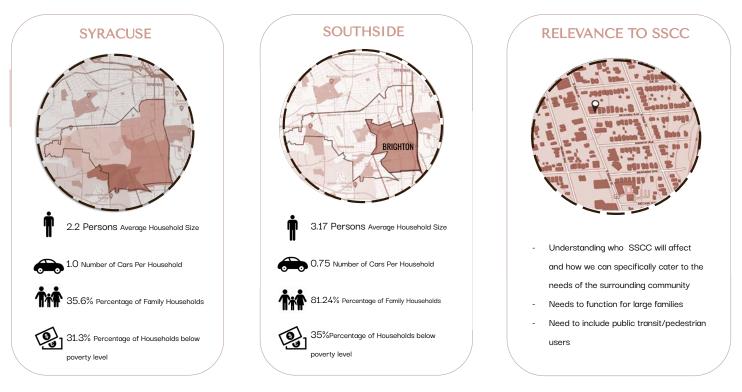
THE PROJECT OVERVIEW



The South Side Communication Center (SSCC) was developed in 2011 out of the South Side Community Coalition, which included Syracuse University. The Center wants to continue to meet the needs of the locals through providing resources to support literacy, wellness, reproductive justice, and more. It houses Sankofa, a Black woman-led Reproductive Health and Healing Center, and Vicky's Closet, which provides free clothing to community members. In addition, it hosts speakers, art classes, board games, sewing classes, tutoring sessions, mental health workshops, antigun violence workshops, pop-up exhibitions, writing retreats, open-mic nights, poetry nights, reading sessions, and photography sessions.

Like many institutions, the South Side Communication Center had its programming impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Assistant Provost for the Arts and Community Programming at Syracuse University, Miranda Traudt, works closely with the SSCC and saw this opportunity for rejuvenating the space. Coming out of this disruption, the SSCC is partnering with the Environmental and Interior Design program in order to remodel its space to make it more accessible, increase storage space, make the attic and basement more serviceable, and make the space better suited to meet the needs of the Center's staff and constituents.

PROFILE OF THE SOUTHSIDE



Drawings produced by Lillian, Sooz, Luke, Emma, and Chris

The South Side Communication Center sits in a neighborhood just South of Syracuse's historic 15th Ward. Due to housing discrimination, this was historically considered a Black ward in Syracuse, housing almost 90% of the city's Black residents. Syracuse's Urban Renewal Plan in the 1960s targeted over 27 blocks in the 15th ward to create the I-81 highway and new government buildings. This caused 75% of the local Black population to be relocated, much of it into the neighborhoods South and East of the 15th ward, including the neighborhood where the SSCC currently resides. The SSCC stands one block from the AME Zion church, a historically Black church whose roots date to the 1830s and whose congregations were active in the Underground Railroad and the Civil Rights era of the 1960s. This history is important to SSCC, since its purpose is to rebuild the South Side Black community.

"As soon as I pulled into the neighborhood I could feel the energy and excitement in the community" -Hartley Peterson

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT





On a sunny Friday in September, the Environmental and Interior Design class all came together to volunteer as a group for the Block Blitz community event. This event, sponsored each year by Home Headquarters Syracuse, brings together community stakeholders to help repair, landscape, and paint up a neighborhood of up to 50 homes. This year, the class helped with painting the Creek Walk with murals designed by local artist Pat Condon.

Students overwhelmingly loved the experience, claiming that it was exciting, thrilling, rewarding, eye-opening, and just plain fun. They found that it was an opportunity to both bond with each other, connect with the Syracuse community, and learn more about the neighborhood they will be working in. Students found that it made them better designers, with Madison Prunty claiming that *"volunteering in the South Side* added another level of analysis to the community that can be used for our South Side Community Project." Many students concluded that they hope that they will be able to participate in community engagement projects like these again, or that they encourage other students to participate.



"It was an amazing experience to see the community of Syracuse come together in order to help one of the neighborhoods."

- Jessica McEvoy



"Getting to go onsite to meet the people who we are creating these designs for made the project much more meaningful and real."

- Luke Emlet

On September 7, 2023, the Syracuse University design class conducted a site visit to the South Side Communication Center. They measured the space and analyzed the strengths and weaknesses of the building. In addition, they heard from SSCC staff, Associate Provost for Strategic Initiatives Marcelle Haddix, and Associate Provost for Arts and Community Programming Miranda Traudt.

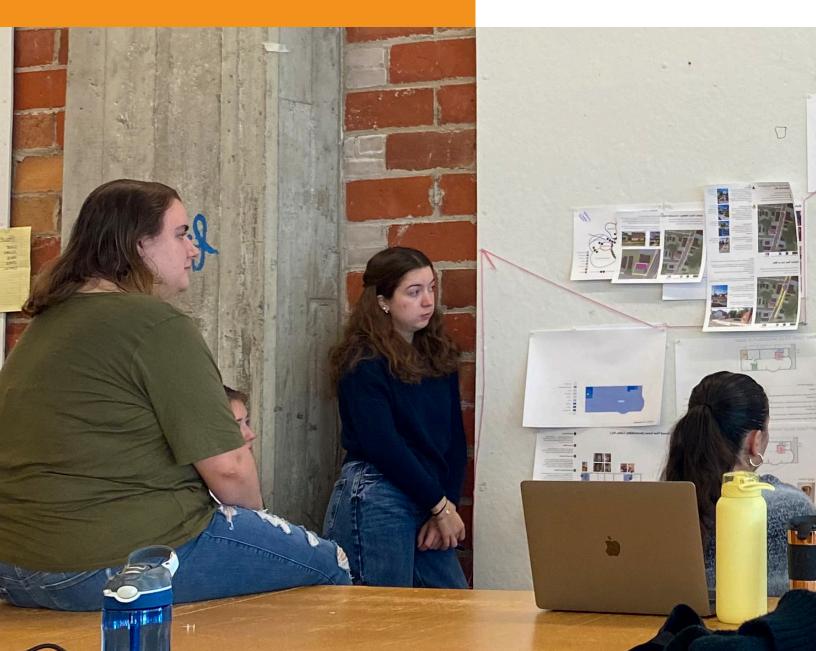
Through these talks, they learned about the history of the South Side Communication Center, the other nonprofits connected to their work, the current work being completed in the building, and the organization's goals for the renovation. Afterward, they broke out into teams to measure the space in order to create a 3D model of the building. They were able to identify many issues that need fixing or spaces for greater improvement but also noticed how beautiful the existing space is. Students felt overwhelmingly that the site visit allowed them to learn about the space and its history, the needs of the community, and the potential that the location holds. Students also felt that they learned a lot from the process of taking measurements. Though the process could be a bit intimidating, since it was a hands-on project with real implications, the visit was informative, exciting, interesting, and even fun. Brianna Starck said that "[1] felt even more engaged in this project after witnessing and experiencing how the center is occupied and how it looks inside." In addition, students often expressed how valuable it was to hear from the people who worked there. Maegan Warner stated that "It was very important for us to hear from people who have firsthand experience and knowledge with the South Side Communication Center."



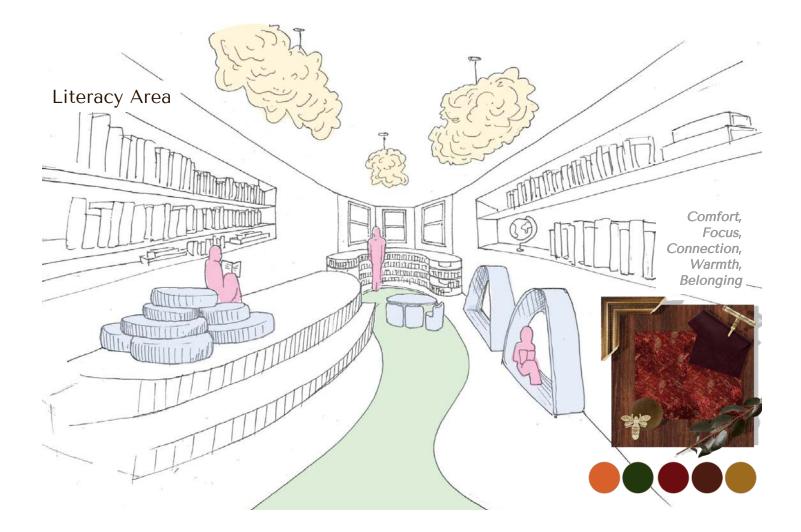
SCHEMATIC DESIGN

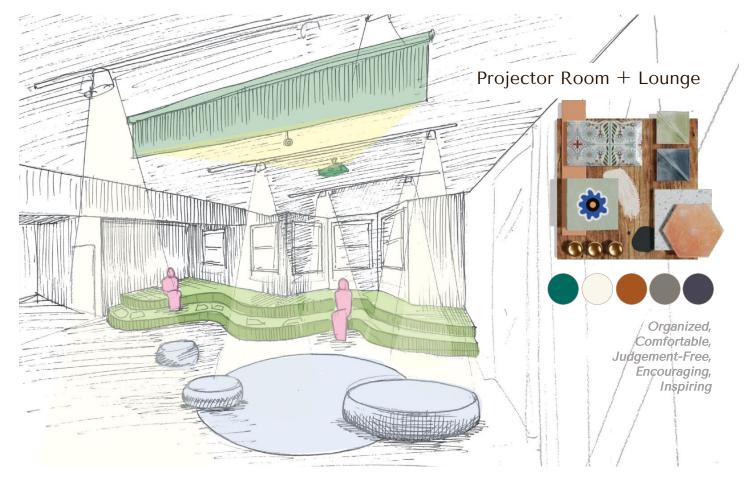
After meeting with the client and learning more about the area and its history, each team began the Schematic Design process. During this phase of design, teams created various diagrams and visual representations to express their range of ideas to present for the client.

At the end of this phase, each team created a presentation including mood boards, material boards, spatial diagrams, floor plans, bubble diagrams, color boards, demographic maps, and summaries of their research on the South Side neighborhood and the South Side Communication Center.









Drawings produced by Lillian Cubbin, Luke Emlet, Emma Wasserman, Christopher Rose, & Susan Gilmer-Hill



"It is really nice to finally be designing for real people and actually have a real impact" & "the client seemed so appreciative of our hard work." - Roselynne Hodges





The process of putting together and presenting the student's schematic design work was challenging but highly rewarding, and a growth experience for each student. On Tuesday, October 17, each group of students presented their work to the client. The students reported that it strengthened their teamwork skills, design skills, and presentation skills, preparing them for their futures after graduation. Once the hard work of putting together the presentation was done, presenting to a real client was intimidating but highly rewarding, and helped them fine tune their designs. In addition, many agreed that the feedback was very useful going into the next phase of design. Students were also grateful for the experience of working with a real client, especially a community partner.

Our Next Steps

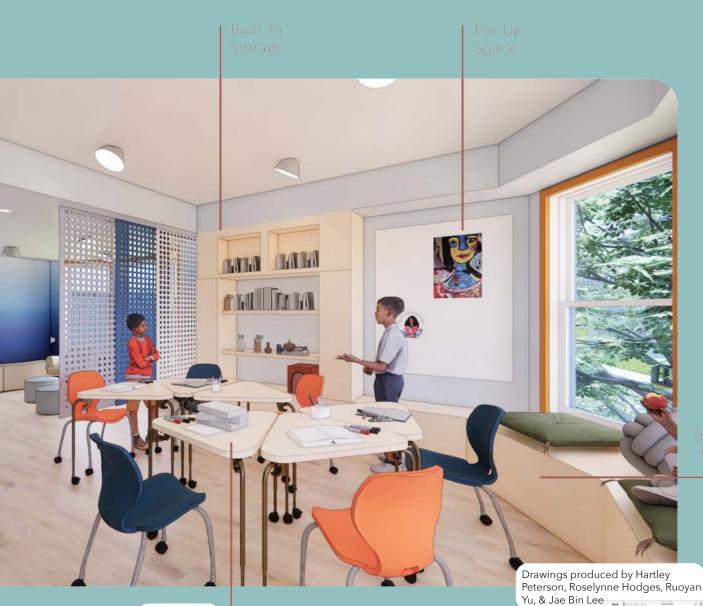


"This process was our way of becoming invested in the future of Syracuse"

-Lillian Cubbin



DESIGN DEVELOPMENT





Flexible Furniture Once they'd received feedback and approval from the client at the schematic design presentation, students moved on to the Design Development phase. This meant creating design documents like a site plan, detailed floor plans, selected materials and finishes, building elevations, interior elevations, and interior and exterior rendering.

Ramp

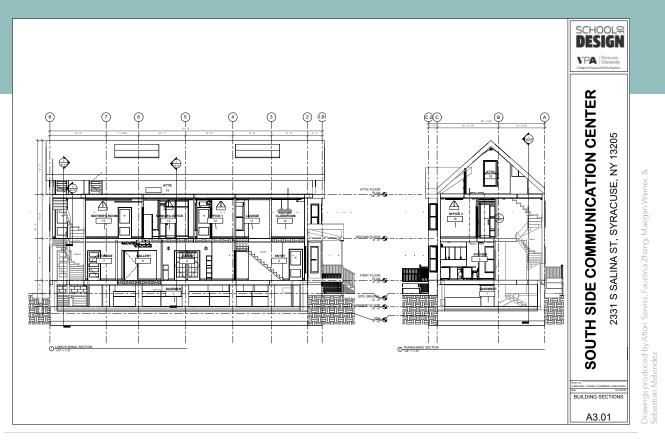


Exterior



Takeaways

- Ramp begins at the front of the building
- 2 Ramp connects to the deck and then the porch.
- Ramp is designed to leave enough clearance on the side of the house to allow access the plumbing systems.



As the Design Development presentation neared, students prepared furniture, fixtures, and equipment booklets. These booklets show the materials the group selected for the project, which contractors and clients refer to when making selections about construction of the final site.

Design development documents included: Site plans, floor plans, ceiling plans, furniture plans, finished floor plans, building sections, interior elevations, as well as furniture, fixtures, and equipment selections.

Students delivered their design presentation to clients, and submitted final design development documents in December.

FINISH PALETTE



TYPE	CODE	NAME	MODEL NUMBER	MANUFACTURER	IMAGE	COLOR	PATTERN	SIZE	INFORMATION
	PT-6	Super Paint Exterior Acrylic Latex	SW 6521	Sherwin Williams		Notable Hue	Flat	1 gallon	
	PT-7	Super Paint Exterior Acrylic Latex	SW 7551	Sherwin Williams		Greek VIIIa	Flat	1 gallon	Apply on exterior trim
	PT-8	Wood Scapes Exterior Acrylic Solid Color House Stain	SW 3029	Sherwin Williams		Ember	Flat	1 gallon	Apply on exterior doors
SOLID SURFACE	SS-1	Pental Quartz	SKU: PQ5134P	Architectural Surfaces	14	Stella Gold	Quartz	126* × 63*	1'-1/4" thick
	SS-2	Ivory White	SKU: S029	HIMACS		Ivory White	Resin	30in x 145in, 30in x 98in	Built in desk feature in Makerspace
STAIN	ST-1	a and a standpart and a stand	MW 453	Sherwin Williams		Honeymade	Stain	1 gallon	Apply on all interio doors
	ST-2	Wood Scapes Exterior Acrylic Solid Color House Stain	SW 3029	Sherwin Williams		Ember	Stain	1 gallon	Apply on all exterior doors
TILE	TL-1	Nanoglass Polished Tile		TileBar		White	Polished	12x12	Apply in a random pattern on the floor
	TL-2	Ocean Caliza	SKU: 100325231	Porcelanosa		Grey	Matte	33.3x100 cm	Apply in a random pattern on the wai from floor up to 40
TRANSITION	TR-1	Cove Shaped profile for inside wall corners and floor/wall transitions	DILEX-AHK	Schluter Systems	1	Bright White		7mm	Apply in water closets, see detai drawings
WALL BASE	WB-1	Profile Wall Base		General Wood Manufacturers		PT-3	Wood Species	4"	Refer to interior elevation detail callout 1 Wall Bas
WALL COVERING	WC-1	Wolf Gordon Digital Print 1		Walf Gordon	3=5	SSCC Entrance	Custom PVC-free wallcoverings	12' - 1" x 8' - 4"	See interior elevation 1 on sheet A5.01
	WC-2	Wolf Gordon Digital Print 2		Walf Gordon	5-	SSCC Wayfinding	Custom PVC-free wallcoverings	5' - 7" x 8' 4"	See interior elevation 3 on sheet A5.01
	WC-3	Wolf Gordon Digital Print 3		Walf Gordon	4	SSCC Logo	Custom PVC-free wallcoverings	7' - 6 3/4" x 9' - 2 1/2"	See interior elevation 11 on sheet A5.01
	WC-4	Wolf Gordon Digital Print 4		Walf Gordon	1958	Victoria's Closet	Custom PVC-free wallcoverings	8' - 11 3/4" x 8' 4"	See interior elevation 4 on sheet A5.01
	WC-6	Vinyl Wallcovering in Contract Wallcovering Collection	I DN 5369	Wali Gardon		Mulberry	Leiden	52" H x 22.25" V &	See elevation

Drawings produced by Afton Serviss, Faustina Zhang, Maegan Warner, & Sebastian Melendez "The most fulfilling part was certainly presenting to the clients and getting their reaction to the space, and being able to show off all the hard work we did. It was really cool getting to design a space that may lead to something that really exists.

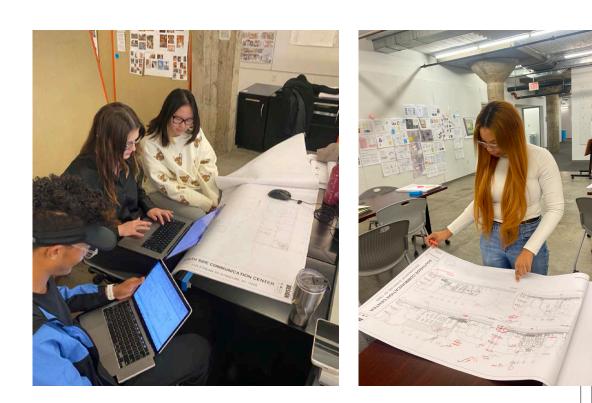
- Chris Rose

The students found that the Design Development phase was very challenging, pushing them to develop new skills in both design and teamwork. Over the course of many long and late nights, students developed their designs based on client feedback. In addition, students found that the challenging work really brought them together as teammates, classmates, and as friends.



At the end, the presentation itself was highly rewarding, as students were thrilled to get to present their hard work to a real client, and were met with a highly positive reception and constructive feedback. They took this feedback to fine tune their designs before sending them off to their partners in Construction Management.

CONSTRUCTION DOCUM



Though presentations were over, the students still had more work and learning ahead of them. Using the feedback gained from their presentations, the teams returned to their work to create construction documents to be passed on to their partner class in the Spring. This phase was time consuming but shaped the students as designers, giving them extensive practice working with the software they will be using throughout their careers.

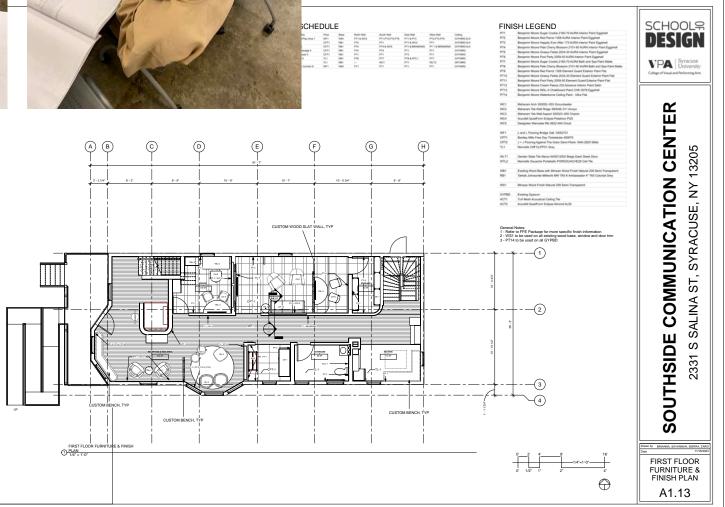
At the close of the semester, students felt proud of their accomplishments, with students saying that this phase "Everyone in the group contributed a lot of effort to the CD phase. We are so proud of ourselves to see it all completed." (Faustina Zhang). Students also reflected on how much knowledge they had gained from the work, saying "The CD phase allowed us to improve our professional skills in producing Revit construction documents, which could be helpful for our future careers." (Ziqian Luo) and "During this phase I really strengthened my revit skills and knowledge of construction documents... all skills that I will use in the future." (Emma Wasserman). This final push of work also brought the teams closer together, as they continued to work on their team cohesion over late nights, sessions at the library, and dinners.

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"The completion of the Construction Documents phase was influential to my growth as an interior designer."

- Afton Serviss



"Collaborating with four interior design students from SU, we translated their plans for the SSCC into cost estimates, schedules, and value engineering assessments...our project highlighted real-world application and the value of collaboration amidst challenging timelines."

- Ashley Woodroe

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION M/



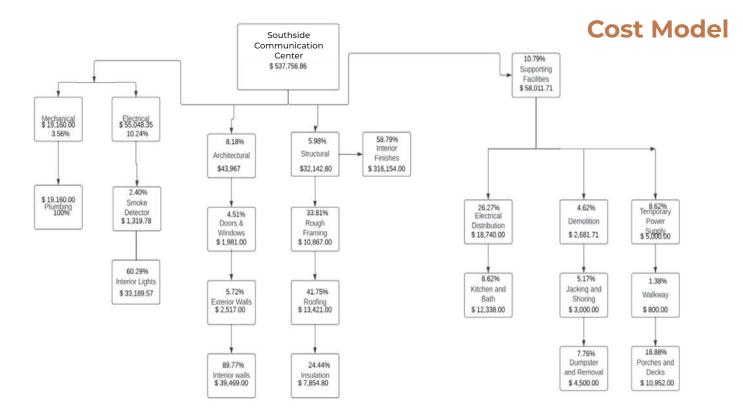


ANAGEMENT

Each ESF team was paired with an SU team, and students shared their work and insights in order to make the handoff as seamless as possible. The ESF students studied the construction documents and furniture, fixtures, and equipment booklet. After the initial meeting, students from both schools stayed in contact.

The official kick-off conference was held Tuesday, January 23. This conference began with a presentation by Project Manager Melanie Torres, before students broke out into teams. SUNY ESF students came to the Warehouse to see all of the materials from Meaningful Partnership Initiatives past and present.

Based on the information from EDI partner teams, CME students organized team meetings to research, discuss and plan the construction process of redesigning and rebuilding the Southside Communication Center. Every



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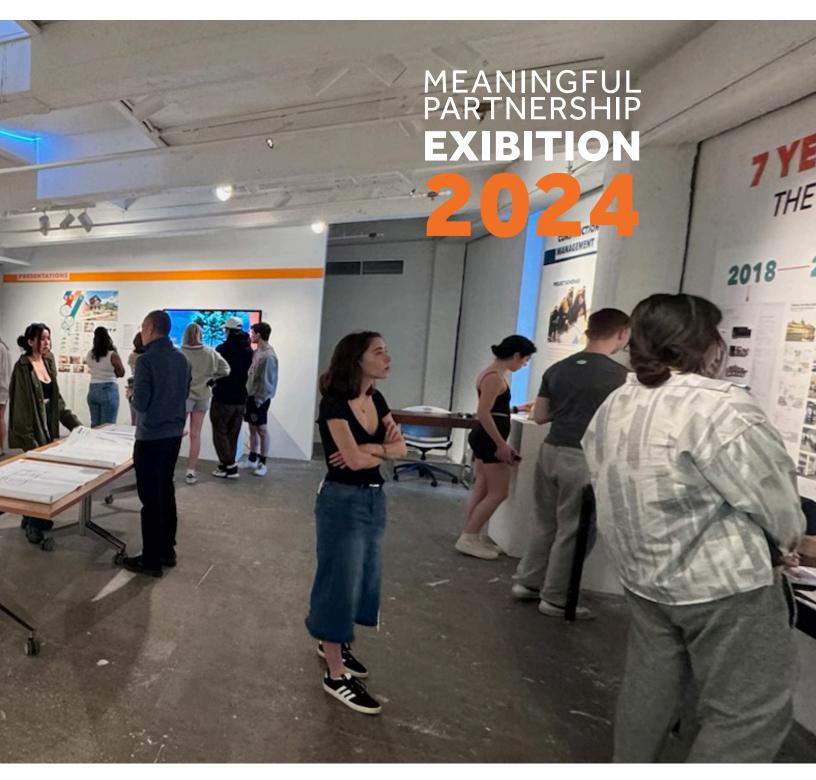


CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

"I realized during our presentation to the community stakeholders that our work was helping them understand both possibilities and challenges of designing and implementing the project. I believe our clients will be better prepared to engage a professional design team and contractors and pursue project funding. That realization is very rewarding."

- Eliot Benman

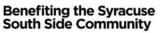






Since its establishment in 2017, the Meanginful Partnership Initiative has laid the foundation to provide a rich design education to students by collaborating with community organizations on an academic year long project to deliver thoughtful design solutions. Notably, this year, the EDI community project studio, in collaboration with the SUNY ESF Construction Management Program, received the 2024 Institutional Innovation Award from IDEC (Interior Design Educators Council) to recognize this impactful contribution.

CLOTHING DRIVE





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February 26th 12-3pm February 28th 12-3pm March 1st 12-3pm

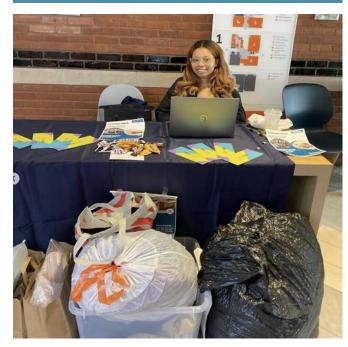


We are Accepting: Jackets, Pants, Scarves, Hats, Gloves, Socks, Shoes, Bags, and any other clothing items

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DONATION

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The design students of IIDA at SU were inspired to continue their community service initiatives beyond the community design studio. They organized a clothing drive to support the South Side Communication Center, motivated by the center's Miss. Vicky's Closet, which provides free clothing to those in need. This act of community service exemplifies how the meaningful partnership encourages students to strive for positive change in their community, both in and out of the classroom.



April 24, 2024

Dear Seyeon, Zoriana and Endong,

The Shaw Center is again honored to be involved with your impactful work!

Truly meaningful work is exciting, reciprocal, and it really matters. Your project with the Southside Communication Center really matters, as demonstrated by the level of commitment your students realize through their Meaningful Partnership Project design and construction management work. Through another lens, the high level of commitment that you, as faculty, pour into this work frames its importance as a wholistically planned learning process as well as a design and construction project, an absolute model of educational community engagement.

I was personally excited to attend last fall's project launch and specifically remember the energy of the September 7th site visit. An engaged group of design students learned about the southside of Syracuse, heard about the Communication Center's history, its potential to house new and existing programs and its current challenges. Excellent student questions produced more dialogue about I-81's historic impact on the area, Blueprint 15's efforts to keep 'community' central in future solutions, and an honest acknowledgment of the difficulty of sustaining shared university and community programming. After a quick but thorough tour of the building, student teams busily measured, investigated and photo documented their new project's specifications in preparation for the research phase. Both the midsemester and final fall presentations, so professionally presented, bore evidence of well-done research on neighborhood history and current needs, design goals, raw materials, and costs.

At the Shaw Center, we employ student interns to do real engagement work, and believe that students know real work when they experience it. For me, the magic of this truly meaningful partnership project of yours is that, year after year, each student becomes absolutely invested in their work. This is evidenced by the fact that in January, with their fall course obligations completed, the designers voluntarily transition their designs into the hands of their ESF peers. This commitment is reciprocated by these ESF peers working diligently alongside the designers toward the semester long production of professionally delivered plans and construction documents. The result being a truly innovative collaboration in higher education that joins related fields of study but does that across public and private higher education classrooms. Staff at the Shaw Center were very happy, but not surprised, that this year the Interior Design Educators Council recognized this innovation. We applaud you on being selected as the winner of the 2024 IDEC Institutional Innovation Award, a recognition well deserved!

As a center which support Academic Community Engagement on the Syracuse University Campus, the Shaw Center for Public and Community Service relishes connection to projects such as this one and hope to continue this collaboration into the future. This Meaningful Partnership holds up long-standing community engagement at its best and we are thankful to be able to support that work.

Sincerely,

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Laurel Morton

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Office of Strategic Initiatives

April 12, 2024

Dear Seyeon, Endong, and the Meaningful Partnerships Team,

I sincerely thank you all for your great efforts and completion of the Meaningful Partnership: Community Design Studio project at the South Side Communication Center. It has been an absolute pleasure to witness the hard work of students from Syracuse University's School of Design and SUNY's College of Environmental Science and Forestry come together to reimagine the South Side Communication Center to its fullest potential.

Each design team approached the project with great care and attention the complex history of Syracuse's South Side neighborhood. Their designs paid tribute to the rich traditions of the area and always centered decisions with community at the forefront. The results were thoughtful, intricate, inspirational, and mission focused. The construction management teams adopted these designs with care and respect for their original intentions. And with thoughtful review, suggestions, and revisions, their efforts and expertise brought the designs to life.

Throughout the entire process the students demonstrated professionalism well beyond their years. Their passion an interest in community-based work was evident in their presentations, design, plans, and communications.

I am incredibly proud of the work this group has achieved and have learned a great deal through the process. Thank you for investing your time and expertise with us at The South Side Communication Center.

Sincerely,

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