

Successive Successes

This week has been very successful for me. I had two interviews and learned a lot from them.

My first interview this past week was with Mr. Amador Saucedo at O'Brien Architects in Dallas on Monday afternoon. I asked him questions about the differences and similarities between residential, commercial, and mixed use projects, and in return I learned from him that the goal of mixed use projects is to keep up the energy and life in an area at all times of the day. I thought that this was very interesting because it was something I had not thought about before.

My second interview this week was on Wednesday morning with Mr. Eric Horstman at Corgan. From him I also learned many new things such as how architecture has changed in recent years from sketching and drawing alone to using technology to collaboratively work on a project. He also told me the mission statement for the education department at Corgan which is "for the betterment of the future society." This was his response to my question of "what is the number one thing you think about when going through the design process of a project," as well as that the design must be what the client wants. The reality of it is that if the client does not like the design or it ends up failing like Gehry's design for a Harvard dorm building, then it is likely that the client will not end up coming back to the firm again.

From both of these interviews I learned some similar things and some things that are completely different. I am excited to get more interviews scheduled and find a mentor.