

Job Sites

Over this break, I have learned a lot. I was able to visit a couple of job sites in the rain and in the freezing cold. It was a great experience for me because I think that if anything had deterred me from wanting to be an architect, it would have been visiting job sites.

The first site I visited was in Denton and it was for the UNT College of Visual Arts and Design. It was an addition and renovation for the existing building. The day that I visited the site, it was raining cats and dogs. The site was muddy and there were lots of wooden ladders to climb to get to the next floors of the building. I am not usually a very outdoorsy person and I do not like to get dirty, but being on the job site really did not bother me as much as I thought. I did learn that I would have to work through different weather situations on the site, however. I would need to be properly dressed for each site that I would go on.

The next site that I visited was for Lovejoy High School. This project was also an addition and renovation project for the athletic department. There were new locker rooms and coach offices being built. Unlike the UNT project, this one was in a further stage. There were all of the walls and ceiling, but there was no heating and air conditioning yet. I did have to dress differently however because the temperature that day was around freezing point.

From this break, I have learned a lot more about the building process and what the job is like as an architect on a job site. This was very enlightening, because it was very different than what I thought it would be.