

A Redesigned Westwood

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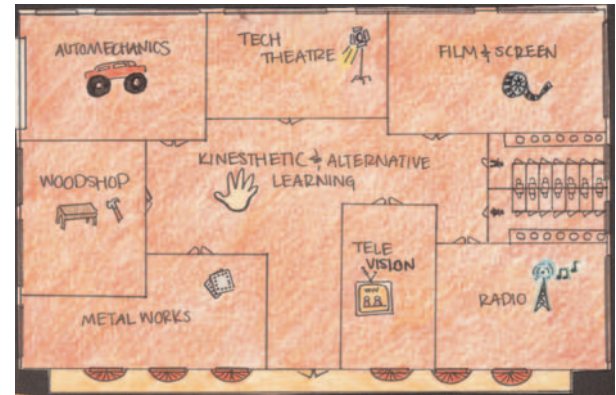
Age: 16
Westwood High School,
Austin, TX

Jury comment:

“This project explores a variety of ways in which landscape and the adaptive reuse of existing structures can be effective strategies for giving new life to our nation’s schools. The layering of spaces and information in the submission were compelling and helped communicate the story of this place.”

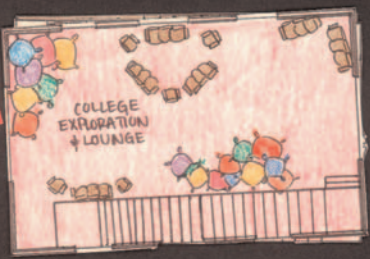
Alexis Clark began her investigation based on her current high school, Westwood High School in Austin, Texas. Alexis studies the shortcomings of her school and decides to revitalize it by both building upwards and proposing the adaptive reuse of an abandoned movie theater across from the high school. The importance of the natural environment is central to her proposal, with the inclusion of rooftop gardens, and miniature parks within the building. There is also keen attention paid to the functions that she feels her school is lacking, such as a

“college exploration room and lounge,” where students can go to learn more about opportunities in higher education, as well as a “kinesthetic and alternative learning hall” where students learn in creative and non-traditional ways in larger spaces.



THIRD FLOOR

→ a lounge-like space that could be used for college + university representatives to discuss their school to any students interested in secondary for the night place for higher education.



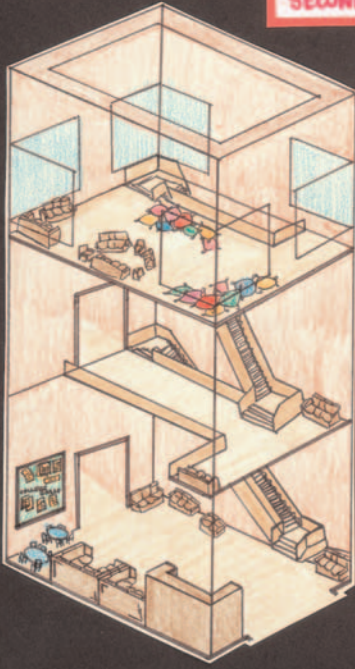
→ one, large skylight that covers the majority of the ceiling.

SECOND FLOOR

→ a crossroads between the history wing + the math + science halls... too much traffic to add any more to the mix.

THE "ATRIUM"

→ an open stair way that's got plenty of outside space to offer...



NOW A COLLEGE EXPLORATION ROOM + LOUNGE

FIRST FLOOR

→ aka: the "college center" with almost nothing college about it. also a heavily-packed traffic jam spot.

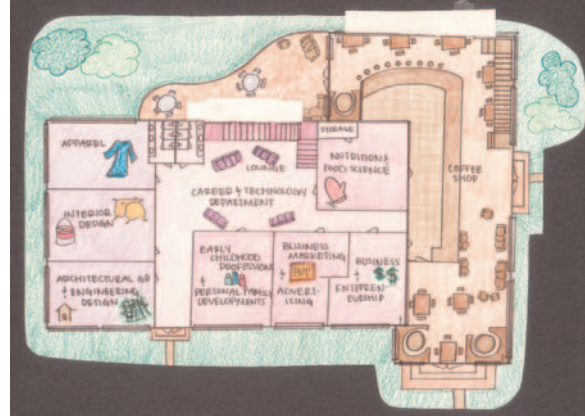
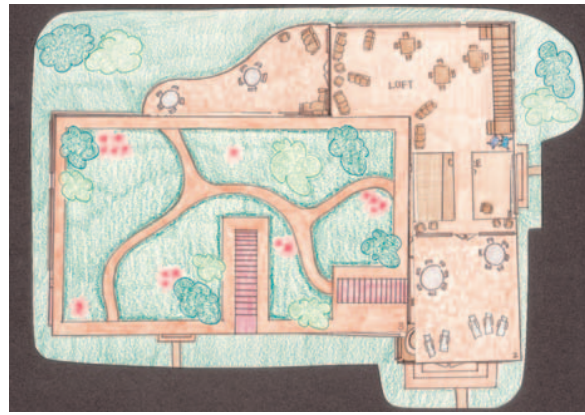
→ completely unused space under the stairs.

→ college information in the background with lots of information for interested students.

Now a place to:

- read
- study
- sleep
- hangout
- explore colleges
- take a break

PRINCIPLE: → healthy, comfortable + flexible learning space.



“ It’s time our technologically advanced world...reconnected with nature. ”