

A Different Realm from “School”

Tannie Duong’s vision for the ideal school environment focuses on having “freer, open space” where students may learn. Her school has learning spaces based on a right brain/left brain concept where “the left organizes and the right innovates.” In addition to evocative drawings of the school and its interior and exterior spaces, there is attention to such details as the walls around the

school, which would be covered in vegetation and daylighting. Buildings are centered around green spaces and courtyards where students can gather or socialize.

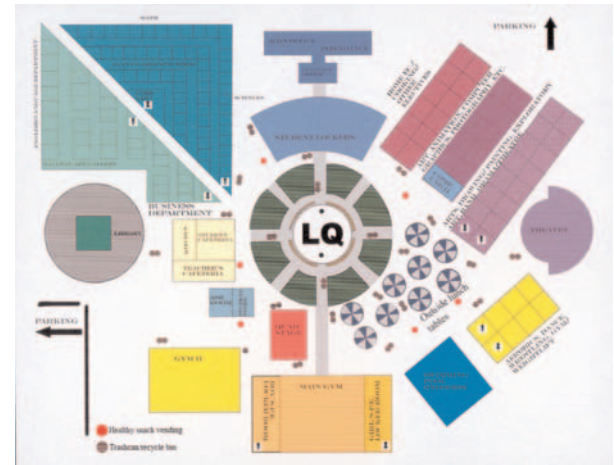
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Jury comment:

“The organization of learning spaces, social spaces, and integration of the natural environment into the site plan is compelling. Providing students with comfortable spaces to gather and learn together breaks down the old model of schools that look and function like factories.”





“ I organize the buildings into left and right sides. Just like the brain works: the left organizes, and the right innovates. ”

-Tannie D. Duong