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Dedicated project manager with a passion for enhancing communities' aesthetics, security, and well-being. Armed with comprehensive expertise, I am committed to leveraging my skills to benefit Santa Barbara - the community that nurtured me. My goal is to craft transformative designs that mirror community values. Adept at logical thinking, I combine dedication with personable communication, making me an attentive listener and a valuable asset to any project



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EDUCATION

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY | Sep 2015 - Jun 2020 | San Luis Obispo
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

My education here was tremendous in amount of knowledge and the time spent studying. Cal Poly was ranked the #1 Undergraduate Landscape Architecture School in the nation in numerous categories, and top 3 in most others by DesignIntelligence

SAN MARCOS SENIOR HIGHSCHOOL | Aug 2011 - Jun 2015 | Santa Barbara

During Highschool I was a part of Kids Helping Kids, a 501(c)(3) non-profit that funds different causes annually. When I was there, we raised over \$500,000. On the side I was a mentor at a local after school program in a lower income area.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PROJECT MANAGER

2021 - Present

CommonGround Landscape Architecture, inc.

- Proficiently designed and meticulously drafted a wide spectrum of plans, encompassing conceptual, preliminary, hardscape, custom details, irrigation, planting, lighting, and stormwater management, displaying a comprehensive grasp of diverse landscape architecture facets.
- Assumed a pivotal role in the seamless progression of projects, taking charge of preparing and submitting plans for planning and building permits, ensuring compliance and regulatory adherence on behalf of the company.
- Demonstrated exceptional project management prowess by skillfully representing projects in front of Santa Barbara City and County design review boards, effectively securing approvals and fostering collaborative relationships with regulatory bodies.
- Actively engaged in multifaceted responsibilities, including client liaison, project scheduling, and fostering synergistic partnerships with Architects, engineers, contractors, design teams, and suppliers, underscoring an ability to navigate complex interdisciplinary collaborations.

ASSISTANT FIELD OPERATIONS MANAGER

2019

Gosnell Tree & Landscape, Santa Barbara CA

- Executed diverse tasks under the supervision of Charlie Kelly at Gosnell, encompassing design, field planning, operations management, bid coordination, and office administration.
- Assumed a multifaceted role involving design, field operations, bid management, and office duties at Gosnell, demonstrating versatility and contributing to the seamless functioning of projects.

DESIGNER AND ESTIMATOR

2020 - 2021

Steve Hanson Landscaping

- Collaborated closely with the onboard Landscape Architect, contributing to the design process by conceptualizing and crafting innovative landscape solutions that aligned with project goals and client preferences.
- Played a pivotal role in project cost evaluation by diligently providing accurate estimates, drawing upon a keen understanding of materials, labor, and design intricacies, contributing to informed decision-making.
- Exercised hands-on oversight during construction phases, ensuring impeccable execution of design visions, maintaining quality standards, and fostering efficient communication among construction teams to drive successful project completion.

DRAFTER & IT SUPPORT

2018

CommonGround with Isabelle Greene, Santa Barbara CA

- Transformed hand drawings into precise AutoCAD designs, showcasing keen attention to detail and proficiency in digital tools.
- Gained valuable insights into design dynamics from mentors Chris G. and Isabelle G., contributing to an enriched understanding of the design process.
- Efficiently managed daily office tasks, including phone communications, filing, and miscellaneous duties, successfully clearing accumulated backlog work and ensuring smooth operations.

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MEDICAL CENTER

Goleta, CA

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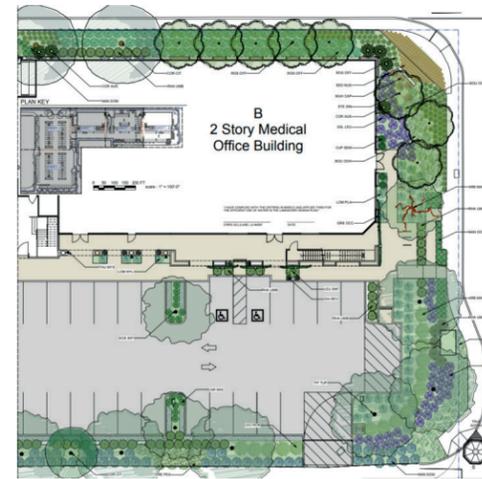
I took on a multifaceted role in this transformative project. I spearheaded the creation of a comprehensive irrigation plan and perspectives, which were integral to the project's success. Additionally, I collaborated closely with the principal landscape architect on the dynamic planting plan, channeling my expertise into rendering captivating perspectives that showcased the synergy between the architectural structures and the natural landscape. Leveraging my proficiency in site modeling and rendering, I contributed to the project's holistic vision by bringing to life stunning visuals that captured the harmonious integration of architecture and nature.



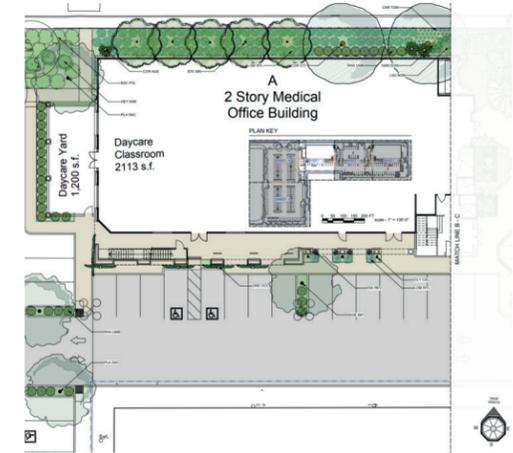
TOP VIEW



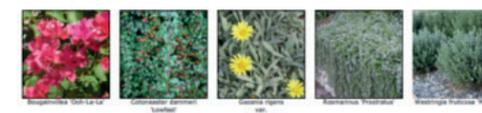
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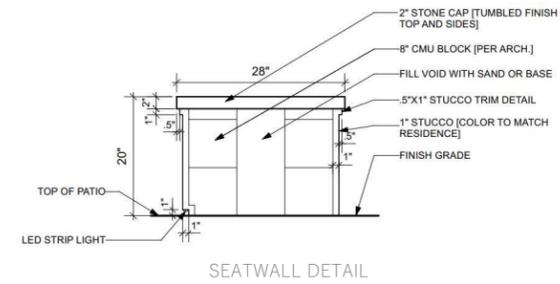
SPOOL - NIGHT

MESA ESTATE

Santa Barbara, CA

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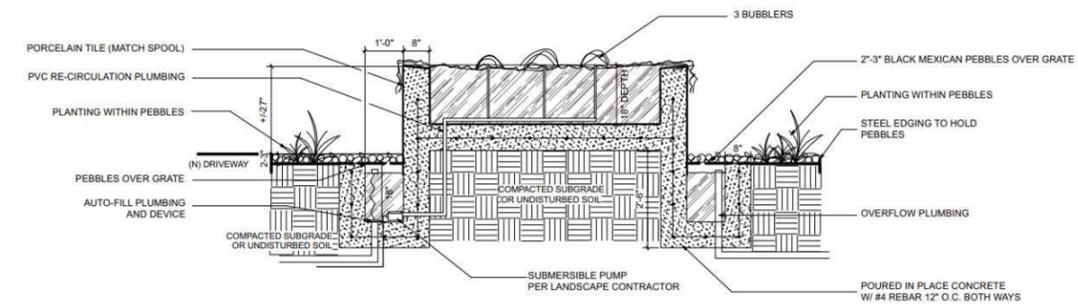
In my capacity as a collaborator on a residential project nestled within Santa Barbara's coveted neighborhood, The Mesa, I played a pivotal role in shaping the outdoor living experience. Focusing on hardscape design, I meticulously crafted intricate details that harmonized aesthetics and functionality, infusing the space with a sense of timeless elegance. Simultaneously, I assumed a critical role in devising innovative lighting solutions that not only illuminated the surroundings but also accentuated the architectural elements, creating an enchanting ambiance after sunset. My commitment extended beyond design, as I seamlessly transitioned into the construction phase, overseeing operations and adeptly managing Requests For Information, ultimately ensuring the project's seamless realization.



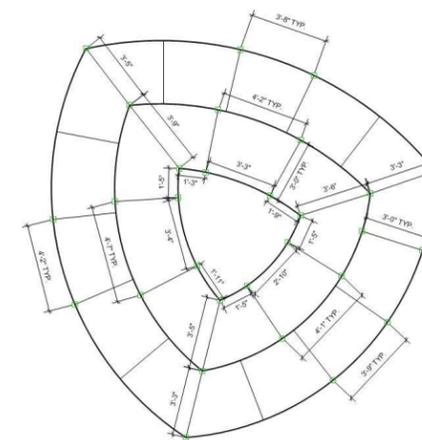
SEATWALL DETAIL



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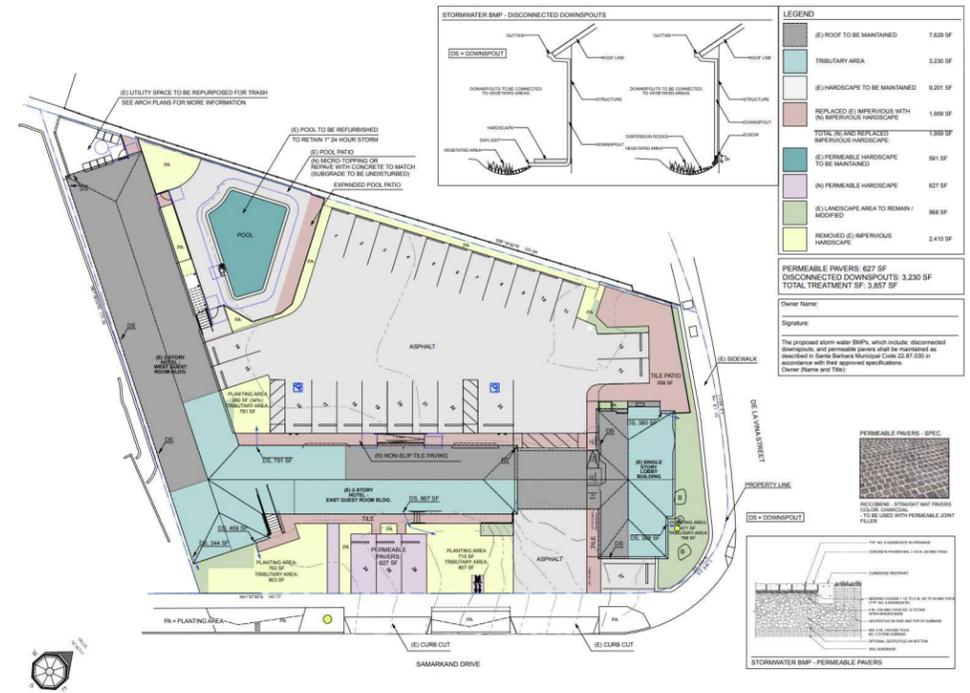
CUSTOM INFINITY FOUNTAIN



RAISED PATIO MATERIAL LAYOUT



PERSPECTIVE 2



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UPPER STATE ST INN

Santa Barbara, CA

In the development of the distinguished inn along Upper State Street, my role as a key contributor was underscored by my comprehensive involvement in various design facets. Spearheading the creation of hardscape and planting plans with the assistance from the principal landscape architect, I deftly blended aesthetics with functionality, curating an inviting outdoor space that seamlessly complemented the inn's ambiance. My responsibilities extended to meticulously designed irrigation, lighting, and stormwater management plans, ensuring the sustainable and efficient utilization of resources while enhancing the guest experience. Elevating the project's visual narrative, I harnessed cutting-edge site modeling techniques to generate captivating renderings and perspectives, providing stakeholders with an immersive preview of the inn's harmonious integration with its surroundings.



TOP VIEW



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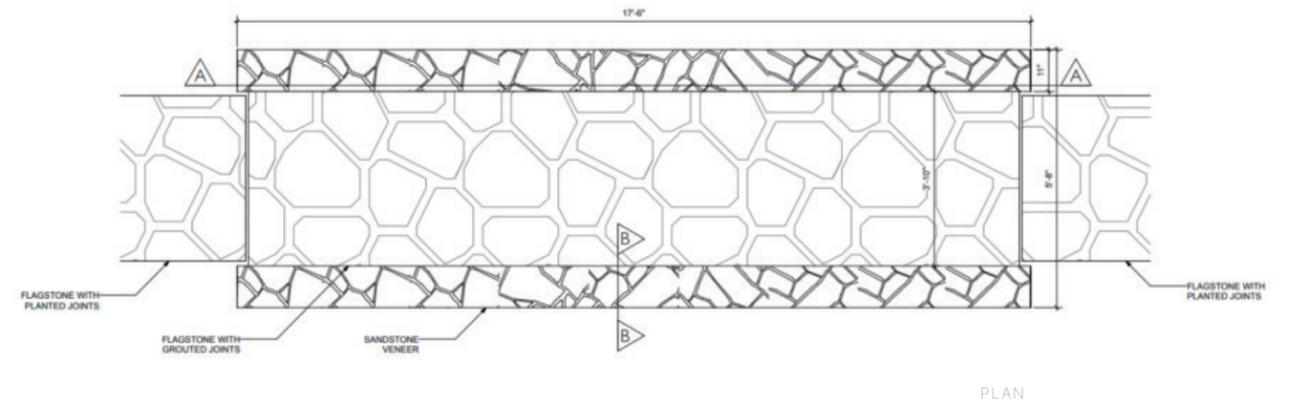
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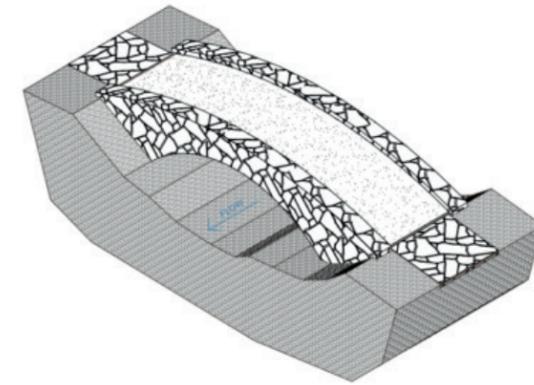
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PERSPECTIVE 4



PLAN



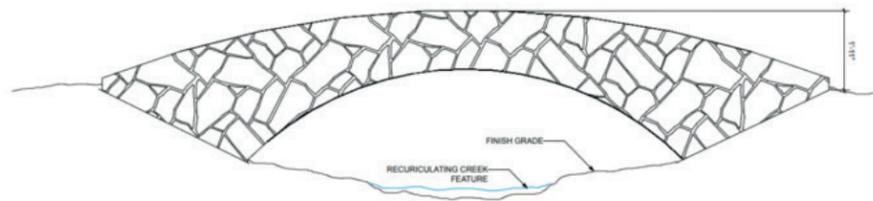
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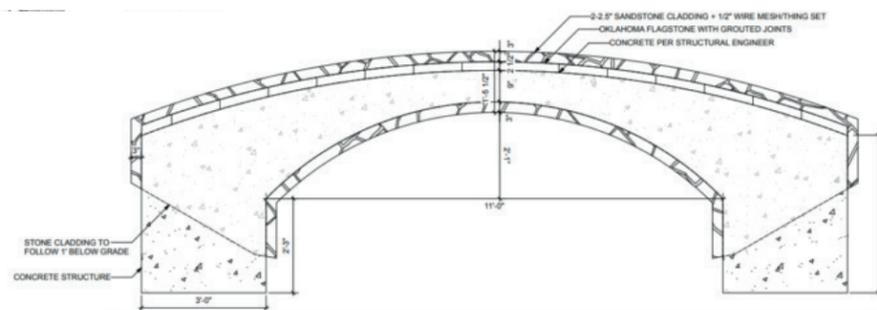
MONTECITO DETAIL

Montecito, CA

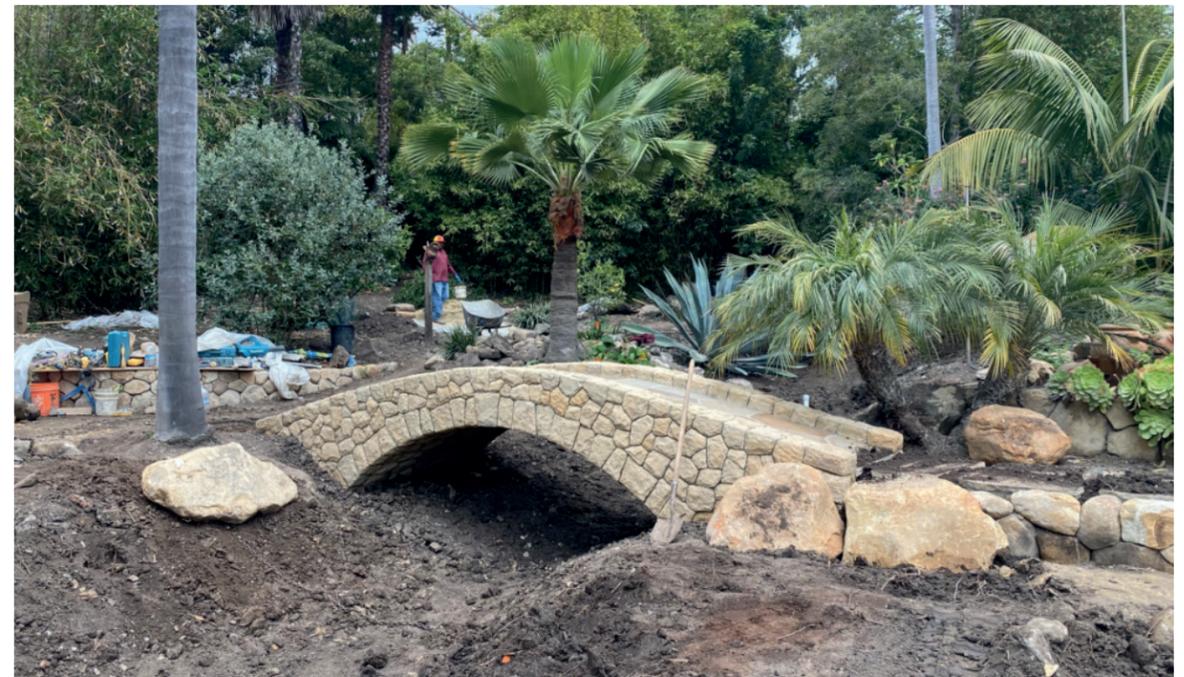
Within the confines of a Montecito estate, my creative involvement in the design and 3D modeling of a stone bridge detail stood as a testament to precision and artistry. Tasked with shaping this architectural gem, I meticulously crafted every intricacy, ensuring that form and function coalesced seamlessly. Through 3D modeling techniques, I brought this stone bridge to life, transforming it into an exquisite work of engineering and artistry that graced the estate with its timeless charm and structural prowess.



ELEVATION



DETAIL A - A





BIRDS EYE - DUSK

HOPE RANCH LEGACY

Hope Ranch, CA

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Within the picturesque landscape of Hope Ranch, I played a pivotal role in a transformative project. My journey began with precise site measurements, leading to a harmonious preliminary design. As the project's anchor, I expertly managed planning and building submissions, navigating complex regulations seamlessly with air tight hardscape, planting, and lighting plans. My commitment extended to construction administration, where I oversaw every facet ensuring the project's efficient realization while preserving the sites existing natural beauty.



ENTRY - DUSK



POOL - DAY



POOL - NIGHT



MONTECITO ESTATE

Montecito, CA

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In the heart of Montecito, I played a pivotal role in a magnificent ground-up estate project. My central responsibilities involved crafting detailed hardscape elements and overseeing the entirety of the landscape set. I ensured a harmonious fusion of aesthetics and practicality, maintaining a keen eye for precision. Simultaneously, I adeptly managed the demanding process of planning and building submittals, ensuring full compliance with regulatory standards. This project serves as a testament to the artful union of natural beauty and thoughtful design, reflecting unwavering dedication to creating an exceptional Montecito estate.





PRELIMINARY LANDSCAPE PLAN

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FOOTHILL HOME

Santa Barbara, CA

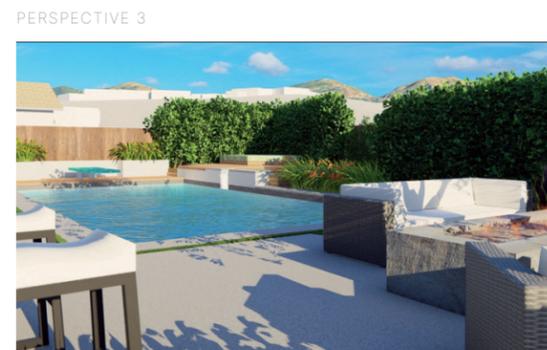
In the enchanting neighborhood of the Foothills in Santa Barbara, I had the privilege of contributing to a family's vision of their dream home. While I played a supporting role in the project's design, my primary responsibilities included drafting, detailing, 3D site modeling, and crafting captivating perspectives. These tasks were pivotal in translating the family's aspirations into tangible architectural and visual elements, ensuring that their dream home beautifully merged with the scenic beauty of the Foothills, offering both functionality and aesthetic wonder.



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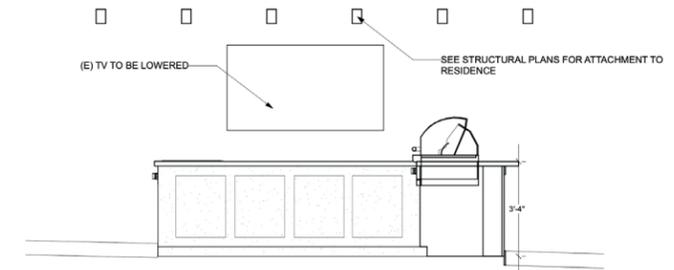
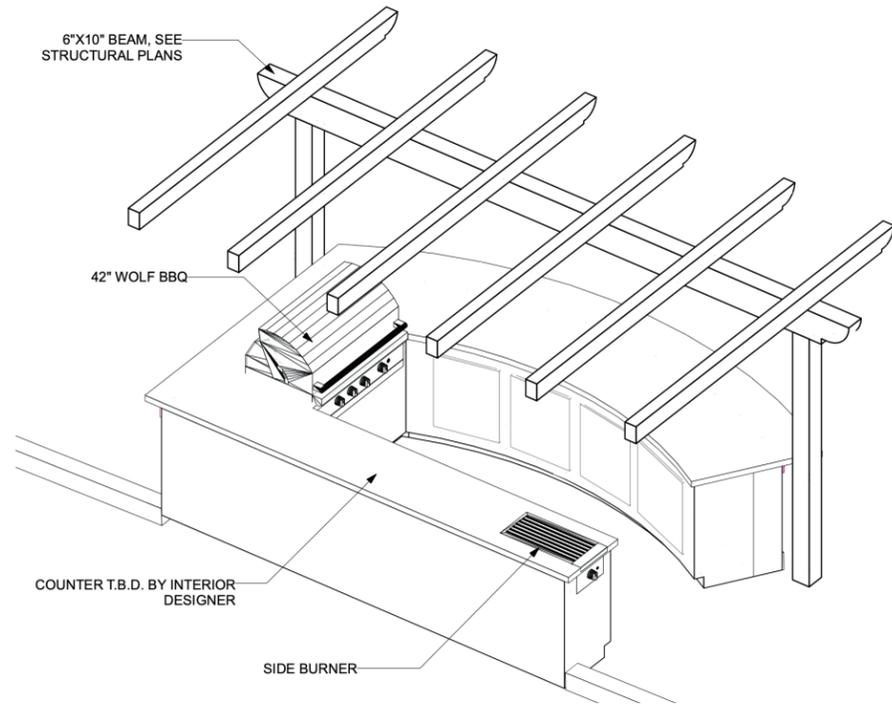
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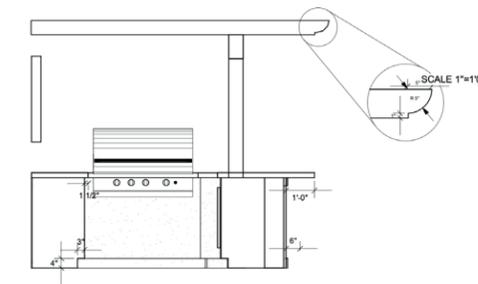
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PERSPECTIVE 4



WEST BAR SECTION



SOUTH BAR SECTION

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MONTECITO HILLSIDE

Montecito, CA

In a captivating project nestled along the Montecito hillsides, I played a pivotal role in both design and technical aspects. My deep involvement influenced the project's creative vision, where I significantly contributed to its distinctive character. Leveraging my expertise, I crafted a 3D model, serving as the foundation for the endeavor. I seamlessly translated this model into precise construction documents, ensuring flawless execution against the Montecito hillside backdrop. Additionally, my rendering skills brought the project to life visually, presenting vivid images of its aesthetic and functional potential. My multifaceted role encompassed design, technical precision, and immersive visualization, all aimed at realizing the project's unique vision amidst the Montecito hillsides.



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PERSPECTIVE II

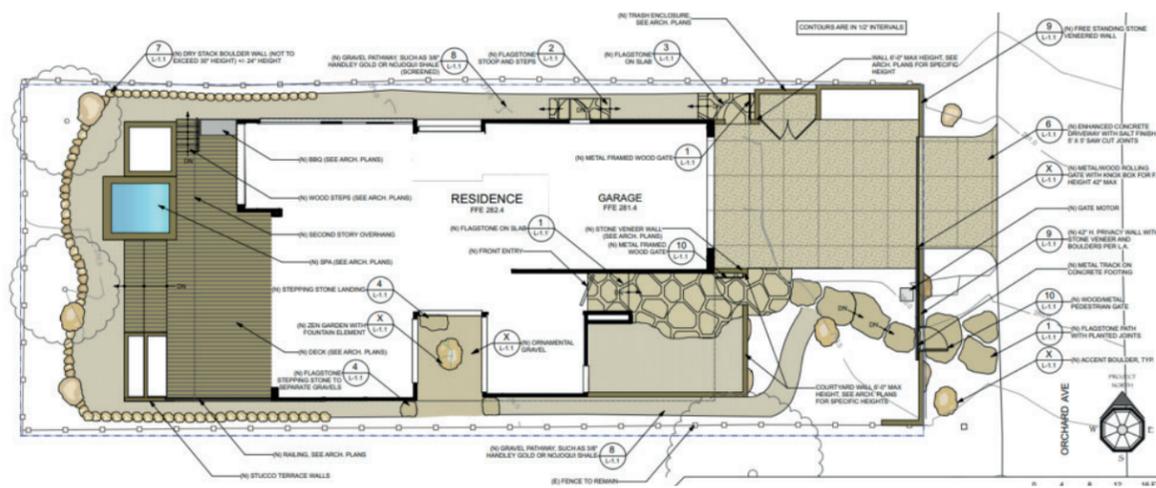


MONTECITO SUBURBAN

Montecito, CA

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In a serene Montecito suburban project, I played a pivotal role as the lead designer responsible for hardscape, irrigation, planting, lighting, and stormwater management plans. With assistance from the principal landscape architect on board, I aimed to craft an outdoor experience that harmonized seamlessly with the picturesque surroundings. Together, I personally placed the plants within the renderings, ensuring that the visuals captured the landscape's beauty and functionality. The result is a suburban oasis that effortlessly integrates with the Montecito environment, offering both aesthetic allure and sustainable living.



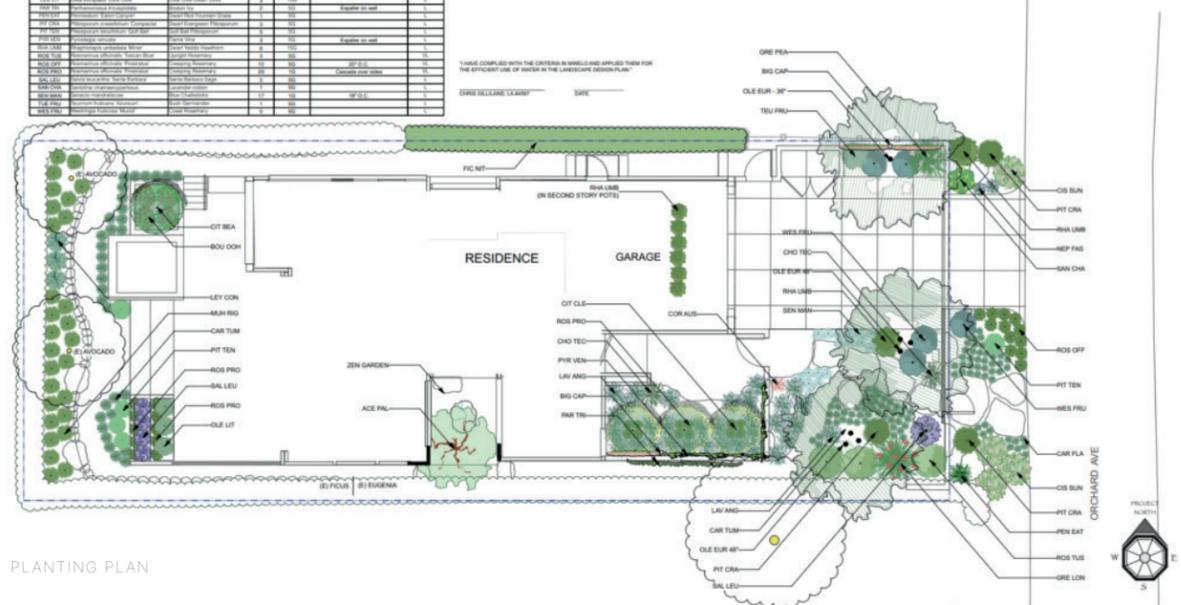
HARDSCAPE PLAN

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PLANTING PLAN



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PERSPECTIVE 2



PERSPECTIVE 3



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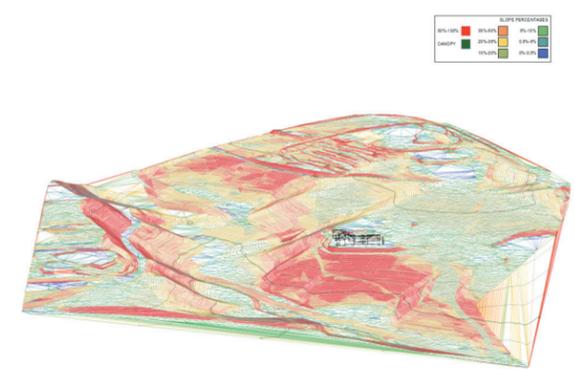


AGRICULTURAL VIABILITY PLAN

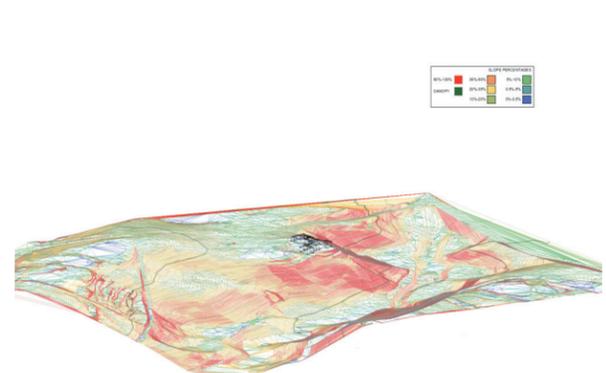
AGAVE AGRICULTURAL PLAN

Santa Barbara, CA **10**

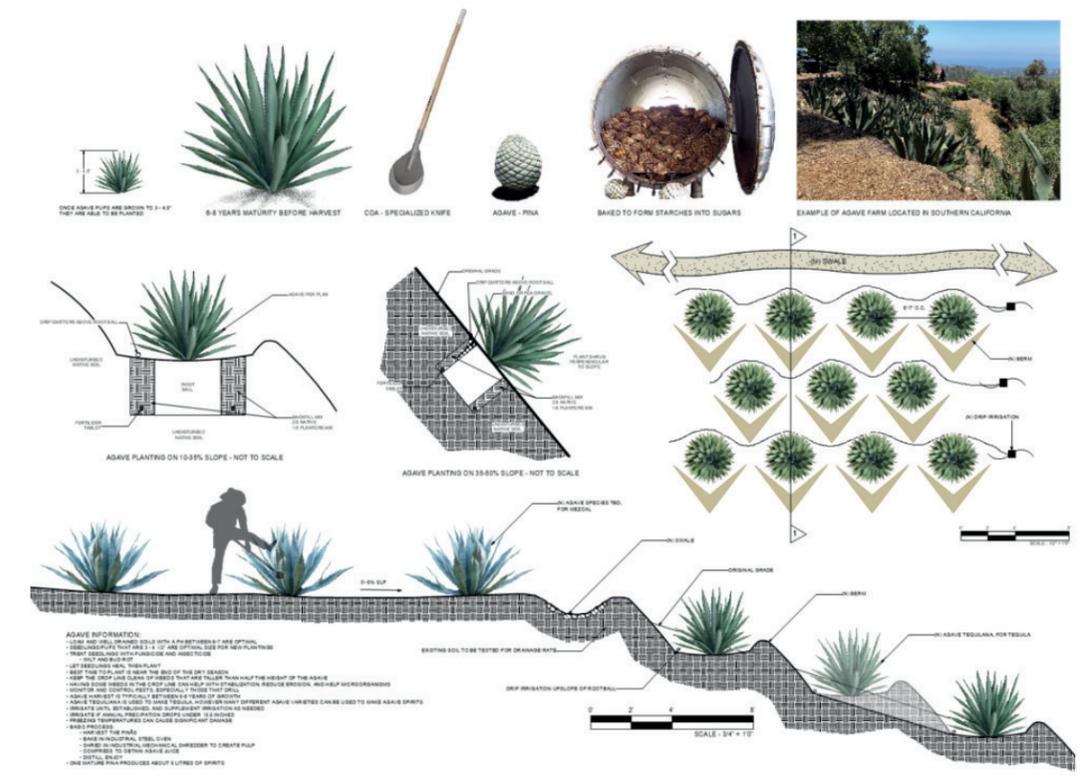
In an agricultural project, I played a pivotal role by creating a site model, analysis plans, and conducting a thorough assessment of the land's agricultural viability. This involved detailed site sections to understand its topography better. My research delved into agave farming practices, ensuring the project aligned with sustainable methods. I then translated this knowledge into specific planting details and comprehensive agricultural notes. Through these efforts, we aimed to establish a thriving, sustainable agave cultivation that both honored the land's potential and preserved its' natural oak woodland.



SLOPE ANALYSIS



SLOPE ANALYSIS



AGAVE FARMING DETAILS AND SPECIFICATIONS



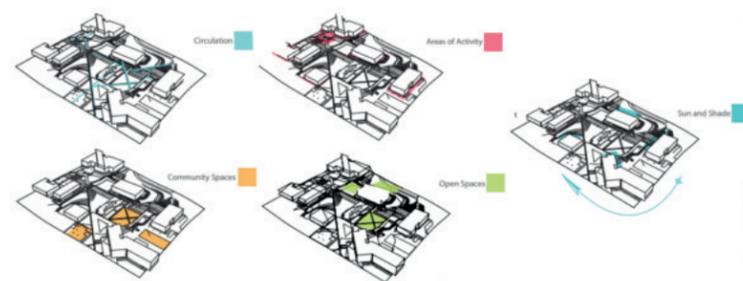
HAND DRAWING I

ADDITIONAL WORKS

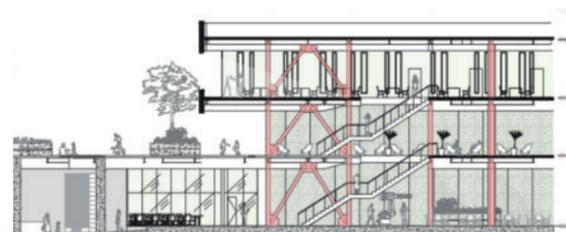
School

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During my time in school, I engaged in a diverse array of projects that nurtured my skills and creativity. From architectural design and 3D modeling to landscape planning and environmental analysis, I delved into multifaceted subjects. Collaborative efforts in team projects honed my communication and teamwork abilities. These experiences not only enriched my academic journey but also laid the foundation for my versatile expertise in various facets of design and planning.

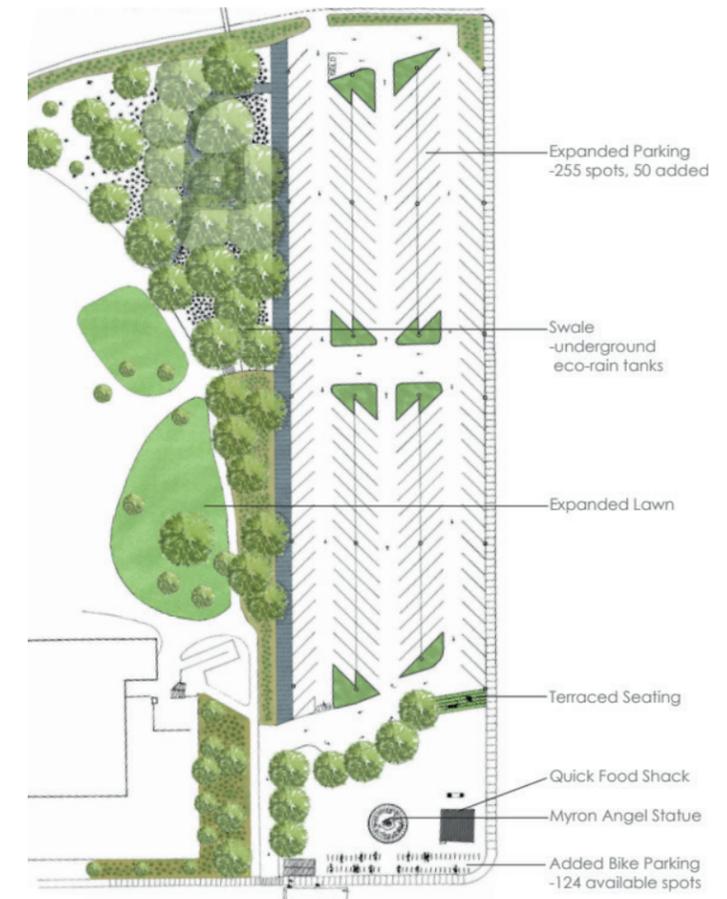


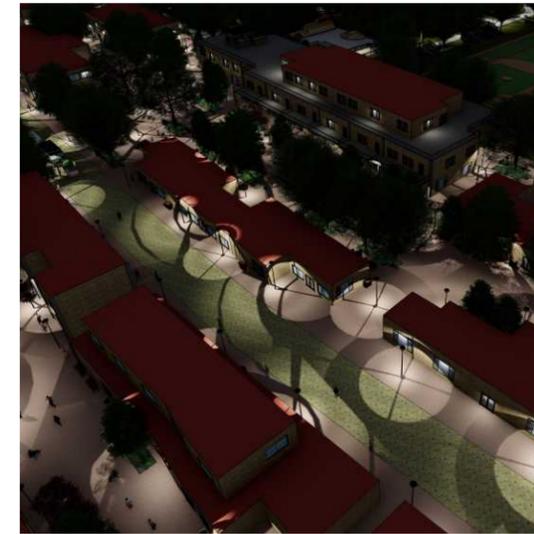
CAMPUS ANALYSIS



MAIN BUILDING SECTION

HAND DRAWING II





NEW CUYAMA GREENWAY

New Cuyama, CA

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My senior year capstone project, the "New Cuyama Greenway," was a collaborative effort with the local community. Through multiple meetings, I gathered valuable insights to inform the project's master plan, which aimed to rejuvenate the New Cuyama area. This comprehensive plan integrated sustainability, recreational spaces, and green areas to create an accessible urban greenway. To communicate the project's vision effectively, I produced detailed renderings of the entire undertaking, providing compelling visualizations of the New Cuyama Greenway's transformative potential. This endeavor was a testament to my commitment to community engagement and my passion for sustainable, people-centric design in landscape architecture.





MODERN POOLS

Santa Barbara, CA

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I had the privilege of assisting in the conceptualization and spearheading the visual representation of an innovative series of six modern pool designs. Leveraging 3D modeling techniques, I crafted each pool's intricate details, ensuring that form and function were seamlessly woven together. My skills extended to the rendering process, where I brought these designs to life, capturing the interplay of light, water, and architectural elements to present a captivating visual narrative. The result is a collection of contemporary poolscapes that not only serve as functional retreats but also stand as testaments to cutting-edge design and creativity, adding to the long history of landscape architects success at designing well-enjoyed aquatic leisure.



OPTION A



OPTION B, C, D, E

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