



Newsletter Summer 2021

The Studio Twenty Seven Architecture newsletter is a quarterly digital publication featuring key projects, architects, news and ideas.

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CATALYST FOR RENEWAL: GeerHouse Development

Geerhouse is a new mixed-use development in the thriving Geer Street neighborhood of downtown Durham, North Carolina. When completed, it will feature 312 apartments, structured parking and 30,000 SF of retail and amenity space.

The design is focused on a community corridor of retail space. With the existing music club MotorCo Music Hall situated on the corner site, the new Geerhouse project will enhance and further the growth of this already lively streetscape.

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Amenity space, below. Lobby at left.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

KIPP DC Benning Campus Phase 3



Phase 3 Construction. Rendering, at right.



Barely 120 feet wide and close to 400 feet long, the narrow site presented unique opportunities and masterplanning challenges. The design of the building is a function of this long and narrow urban site. The educational mission of KIPP DC seeks not just to educate students but to engage and transform neighborhoods east of the Anacostia River.

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ON THE BOARDS

Richard Wright Public Charter School for Journalism and Media Arts



Rendering for Phase 3 rooftop amenities

Studio Twenty Seven Architecture has been working with RWPCS since 2019 providing phased interior renovations of their school in SW Washington. In phase 3, concepts for a rooftop outdoor space have been developed. New breakaway spaces in the corridors and staggered lockers enable a more pleasing design, along with greater acoustics where sensitive attenuation was required. STC rated walls and panels were specified. Named after the famed influential author, novelist and short-story writer, Richard Wright was among the first African American writers to protest white treatment of blacks (*Native Son*, 1940, and *Black Boy*, 1945). The school's mission is to help transform students in grades 8 through 12 into well-versed media contributors with their unique focus on journalism, media, creative and performing arts programs.

ARCHITECT SPOTLIGHT

Natalie Mutchler, AIA, IIDA



Natalie is the Project Manager for the Two River Public Charter School addition and renovation project. She is a licensed architect and received her Bachelor of Architecture from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. She studied abroad in her 4th year Virginia Tech at the CEPT University in Ahmedabad, India, which focuses on understanding designing, planning and constructing human habitats. She joined the firm in 2013.

COMPLETED PROJECT

Two Rivers Public Charter School, at Young Campus

The 28,687 SF expansion for grades 6 through 8 incorporate new classrooms and an outdoor playground at the Young Campus at 26th Street NE. The unique cantilevered entry and storefront enable the covered entry for students. Due to the limited site, the design enables future ready expansion in anticipation of additional floors, thus adding functionality to carry another story if ever needed.

Construction Budget: \$13M | Design 2019 | Completion 2020

Structural Engineers: Ehlert Bryan
MEP Engineers: Engenium Group
Civil Engineers: Christopher Consultants

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