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Architect

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summer 2026

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- \$400M+ in project management
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 - Student Life
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- P3's with Public & Private Clients
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 - State & Local Governments
 - Private Developers
- Healthcare + Science and Tech
 - Hospitals & Medical Offices
 - Lab Planning for Science & Tech
 - Student Life
- Business & Teaching Background
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 - Teaching & Competitions



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Licensed Architect in CO (ARC.00404958) & WA (12087), NCARB. 18+ years experience, \$400M+ in project management. Business owner, designer, planner, and project manager with both public and private clients. Specialized in higher education and workforce housing, with diversification in healthcare and science and technology. City planning and entitlements. Business development, teaching, and mentoring.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BENTLEY ARCHITECTUREDenver COAugust 2008 – Present

- Principal and Owner. High-end residential, mixed-use commercial, higher education, and P3 workforce housing. Urban planning, conceptual design, and feasibility studies. Contracts, proposals, and marketing.
Selected work by Bentley Architecture:
 - [Confidential Client] Workforce Housing Proposal. [Confidential Location]. [Confidential Budget]. [Confidential Bldg Area]. 5 story residential with ground floor café. TOD.
- Selected work with Hartronft Associates:
 - Canyon-28 Mixed-Use Office Building. Boulder, CO. \$12M, 24,000 sf, 4 story with ground floor restaurant and retail, plus 2 stories of underground parking. Urban redevelopment plan.

OZ ARCHITECTUREDenver COSept 2024 – Sept 2025 (1 year)

- Senior Project Architect. Off-campus and on-campus student housing. Higher education facilities.
Selected work:
 - 1100 28th Street Boulder. \$92M, 150 units, 230,000sf. City of Boulder site review submittal.

HORD COPLAN MACHTDenver COMay 2019 – May 2024 (5 years)

- Associate. Higher education, student housing and student life. P3 Workforce Housing. Science & Tech. BD and marketing. Conference presenter. NOMA Colorado Project Pipeline. DDLP Leadership Prog. '22.
Selected work:
 - Whetstone Workforce Housing. Crested Butte, CO. \$90M, 252 units, 335,000 sf. P3 with Gunnison County and Town of Crested Butte. All-electric with geothermal.
 - Morgan State Thurgood Marshall Hall. Baltimore, MD. \$155M, 390,000 sf, 12 story high-rise, 1,264 bed residence halls with dining, student life, and event space. LEED Gold.
 - AIMS Community College, Student Commons. Greeley, CO. \$14M, 105,720 sf, 2 story student life facility with admin, student orgs, and dining space. Campus planning.

NAC ARCHITECTURESeattle WAJanuary 2015 – May 2019 (4 years, 5 months)

- Associate. Award winning higher ed student housing, student life, and campus planning. Hospitals.
Selected work:
 - Colorado School of Mines Spruce Hall. Golden, CO. \$38M, 110,000 sf, 6 story, 420 bed residence hall with café, fitness, lounge, and maker space. Housing master plan. LEED platinum.
 - Bellevue College Student Apartments. Bellevue, WA. \$38.5M, 133,000 sf, 5 story, 400 bed residence hall with café, lounge, and event space. Housing master plan. LEED platinum.
 - University of Providence University Center. Great Falls, MT. \$14M, 34,000 sf, 2 story student union with administrative, student services, and conferencing space. Campus master plan.

PLAY-WELL TEKNOLOGIESDenver COMay 2010 – August 2013 (3 years, 3 months)

- Instructor. STEM teaching and curriculum design with LEGOS for architecture, engineering and physics.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADOBoulder COAugust 2008 – June 2010 (2 years)

- Lecturer. College of ENVD. Taught seminars focused on real-world learning experiences with BVSD.

DTJ DESIGNBoulder COJanuary 2005 – August 2008 (3 years, 8 months)

- Designer. Mixed-use residential and commercial architecture. Community planning and landscape design.

EDUCATION & TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADODenver COClass of 2013

- M.Arch & MBA, dual master’s degrees. Business plan competition, founder of Théa Tea Company LLC.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIABerkeley CAClass of 2003

- B.A. in Architecture. Undergraduate instructor and research apprentice. Sigma Phi Society president.

ACTIVITES, PUBLICATIONS & AWARDS

- Married with two young sons.
- Enjoys the outdoors including rock climbing, mountain biking, snowboarding, and gardening.
- Published in the Boulder Daily Camera, New York Times, CREJ Journal, and San Francisco Chronicle.
- Design Awards: Open Arch. & Rocky Mtn. Real Estate Challenges. USGBC Natural Talent Competition.
- Art Awards: National Scholastic Art Awards. Published Scholastic Magazine, Artists of the Future 2000.
- Volunteering: NOMA National Organization of Minority Architects, Project Pipeline. Eagle Scout.

Bio

Jason combines curiosity and drive to cultivate design vision, leading award-winning higher education, workforce housing, and healthcare projects through design, planning, and construction. He brings over 18 years of experience creating unique and memorable places in Colorado and around the country.

Jason excels at managing large, complex projects with multiple stakeholders for both public and private clients. With this unique background, he specializes in fostering Public Private Partnerships (P3’s). Jason listens carefully, acts proactively to resolve potential issues before they become a problem, and strives to exceed client expectations.

As a business owner, Jason is an entrepreneur at heart. He hustles, seeks new markets, and cultivates client relationships. He also loves teaching and mentoring, with two small children of his own. In the past Jason has both helped kids discover engineering concepts with LEGOS and curated real-world, hands-on learning experiences for college students.



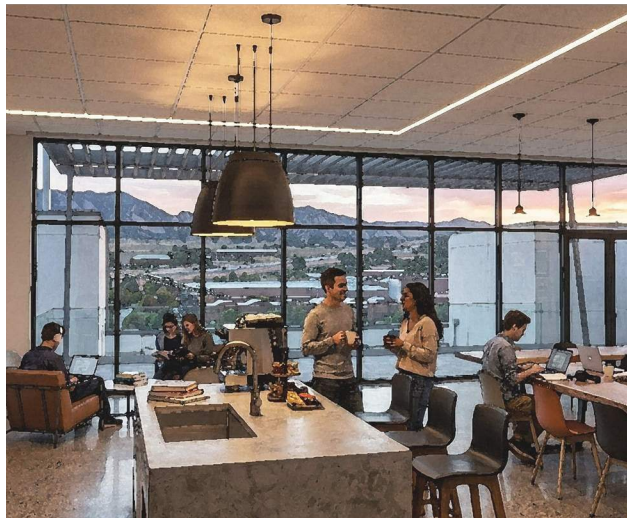
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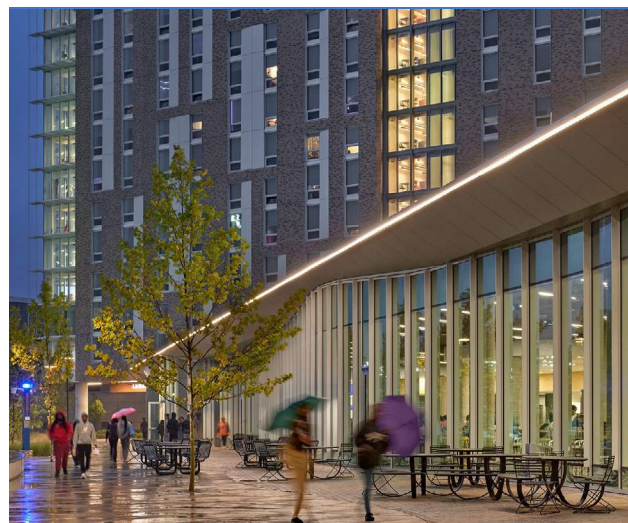
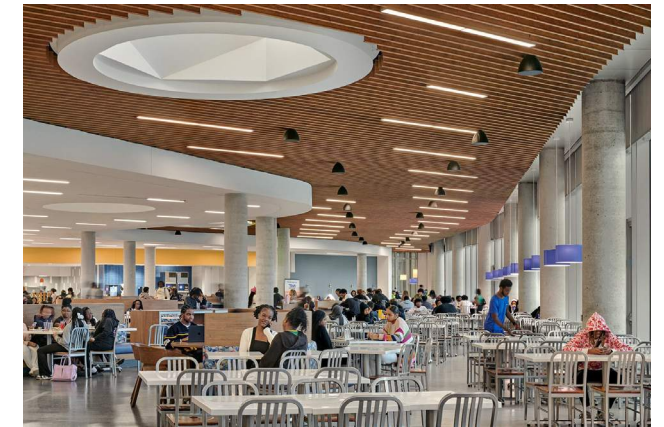
[Confidential Client] Housing Proposal
P3 Proposal with [Confidential Developer]
[Confidential Location] | Feasibility Study
[Confidential Bldg Area] | 5 stories
Role: Principal / Designer / Planner

Jason has been working closely with [confidential developer], a P3 workforce housing developer, over the past several years on large and complex projects. So when the opportunity arrived to present a proposal to [a confidential client] for their own workforce housing project located [in a confidential location], Jason introduced the developer to the client and designed a conceptual site plan, yield study, and renderings to explore the possibilities of the unique site.



As a transit-oriented development, careful urban planning was required to both facilitate wayfinding for the TOD while creating an attractive destination for the City. A small pocket-park along a new right-in / right-out vehicular connection on a major Boulevard anchors the “heart” of the new development. Here, a double-height cafe in the large central building invites residents and visitors to meet, work, and play.

Additional co-working and event space stacks above the cafe, with the top-most level framing fantastic views of the Flatirons. Private roof decks double-down on these panormic views, while ground-level courtyards offer a mix of privacy and family-friendly fun at the pool.



Higher Ed Student Housing

Thurgood Marshall Residence Hall
Morgan State University & MEDCO (P3 Dev.)
Baltimore, MD | Completed 2022
390,000 sf | 12 stories | 1,264 beds | LEED Gold
Role: PM / Designer / Campus Planner

Morgan State University (MSU), a historically black college, is Maryland's preeminent urban public research university. Located in Baltimore City, MSU has undertaken a strategic plan to increase recruitment and retention of students. A key component of this effort was the creation of a new, world-class on-campus residence hall and dining facility designed by HCM with Moody Nolan.

Thurgood Marshall Hall provides a mix of semi-suite and apartment-style housing, consisting

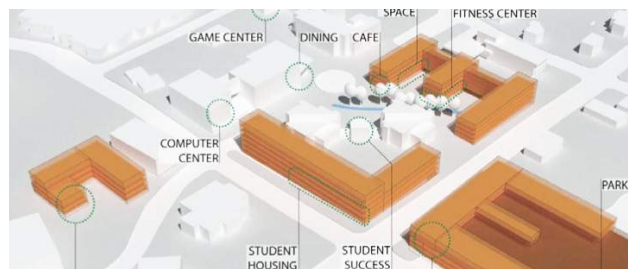
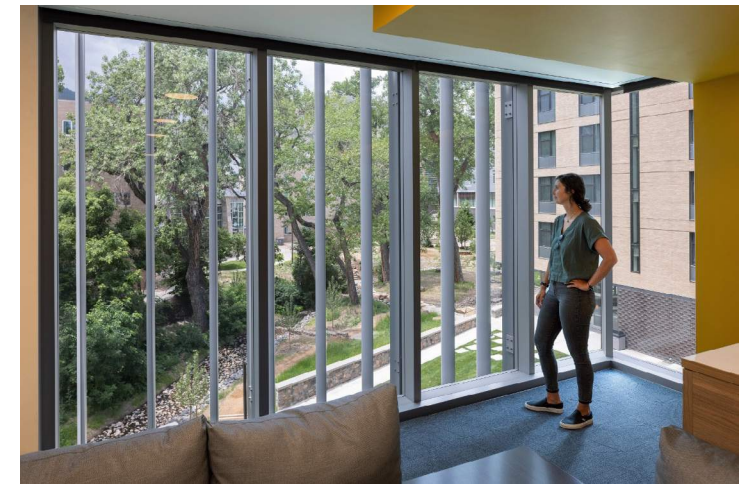


of more than 1,260 beds for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as a 50,000 SF attached dining facility and event space. The two residence halls, one built right after the other, together form a "live, dine, learn" nexus for students. In addition, the project honors its Baltimore-native namesake, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Thurgood Marshall, through exhibits to his legacy advancing civil rights (left).

The project was completed in three phases:

- Phase 1 built a 10-story, 230,000 sf, 660-bed residence hall with 24-hour "all you care to eat" dining facility. It provides opportunities for individual and group study areas and includes academic tutoring, fitness studios, and a c-store.
- Phase 2 removed existing buildings and replaced them with an athletic field and campus green.
- Phase 3 completed the housing complex by adding another 604 student beds in an 12-story, 184,000 sf high-rise with event space, seminar rooms, and a "Launch Center" to support student entrepreneurship.





Higher Ed Student Housing

CO School of Mines Residence Hall

Golden, CO | Completed 2020
110,000 sf | 420 beds | LEED Platinum
Role: PM / Designer / Campus Planner

NAC Architecture partnered with Anderson Mason Dale to perform a new student housing master plan for Colorado School of Mines while designing their latest first-year residence hall. This new building completed a thriving student housing district and helped create an integrated “campus village” by providing ground-floor amenities including a cafe,



makerspace, and a fitness center.

The project is located at the end of a major campus axis alongside a newly constructed pedestrian plaza (shown left), featuring a vibrant courtyard space with a restored creek and cottonwood grove running through it.

Student lounges in the upper residential floors offer spaces for collaboration and reflection, where both extroverts and introverts can feel at home. This layered design approach drove the architectural programming of the project, carving out “areas of respite” within the larger social fabric (shown center and bottom left).

Sustainability was an important design driver with the project achieving LEED Platinum.





Higher Ed Student Housing

Bellevue College Student Housing

Bellevue, WA | Completed 2018
133,000 sf | 400 beds | LEED Platinum
Role: PM / Designer / Planner

NAC Architecture worked closely with Bellevue College to plan and deliver the their first student housing project. This award-winning project represents the evolution of Bellevue College from a commuter-based community college to a fully fledged, 24/7 live-learn campus. Public areas such as dining, event space, social lounges, and outdoor gathering spaces create a public hub that both the campus and local residents can enjoy.



With sustainable living as a central theme, the project achieved LEED Platinum certification. Sustainable features include super-efficient domestic hot water heat pumps, LED lighting, and community-based incentives to encourage conservation. Students also funded rain gardens with fragrant edible plants. Planted roof decks boast the best views in the region while hosting conferences and special events (center left).



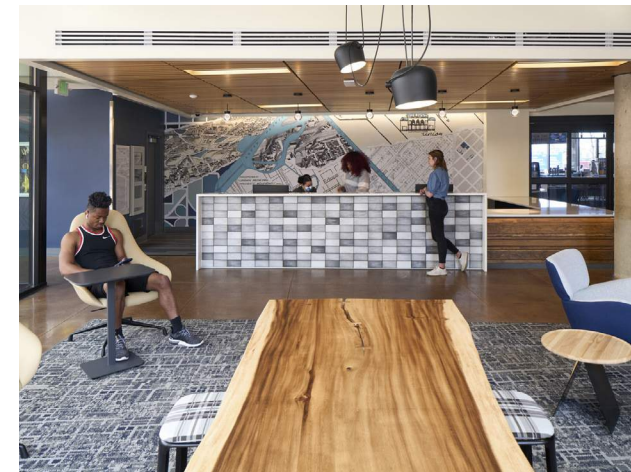


Higher Ed Student Life

Student Commons

AIMS Community College
Greeley, CO | Completed 2020
105,720 sf | 2 stories
Role: PA / Designer / Planner

HCM enjoyed the opportunity to design two different student life buildings at the same time for AIMS Community College. This allowed a shared “ribbon” language to be expressed across campus, flowing into the main entry of the Student Commons and through the building.



Lynx Crossing Residence Hall

University of Colorado Denver
Denver, CO | Completed 2024
235,000 sf | 5 stories | 630 beds
Role: PM / PA / Designer

Over the past several years HCM has been renovating the Lynx Crossing Residence Hall for the University of Colorado Denver, updating its apartment units and renovating lobby and ground-floor amenity spaces. Through a series of phases in the continuously occupied building, an existing fitness area was relocated in order to create space for a new indoor-outdoor “living room” that utilized a large, operable glass “nana-wall” system. HCM redesigned the exterior building signage by working through the CU Design Review Board; meanwhile, HCM also installed several custom interior wall graphics that expressed the unique qualities of the site and explored what it means to be CU Denver student.



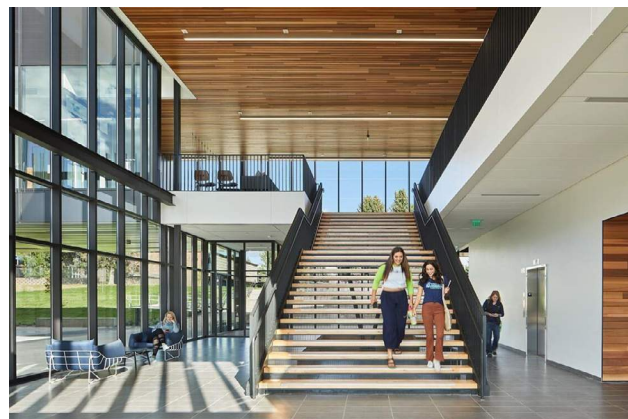


Higher Ed Student Life

University Center

University of Providence
Great Falls, MT | Completed 2019
34,000 sf | 2 story
Role: PM / Designer / Campus Planner

The University Center serves as the new gateway to campus, expanding the modernist architectural language of the institution and leading the way for future development. The building's west façade announces a new threshold to campus with its free-spanning solar screen (shown above). Second level administrative and conferencing spaces connect over this campus entry with a sky bridge flying overhead. This conference center hosts special events on campus and acts as shared amenity for the City of Great Falls.



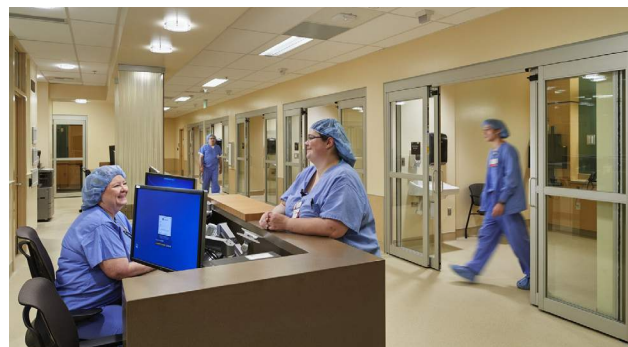
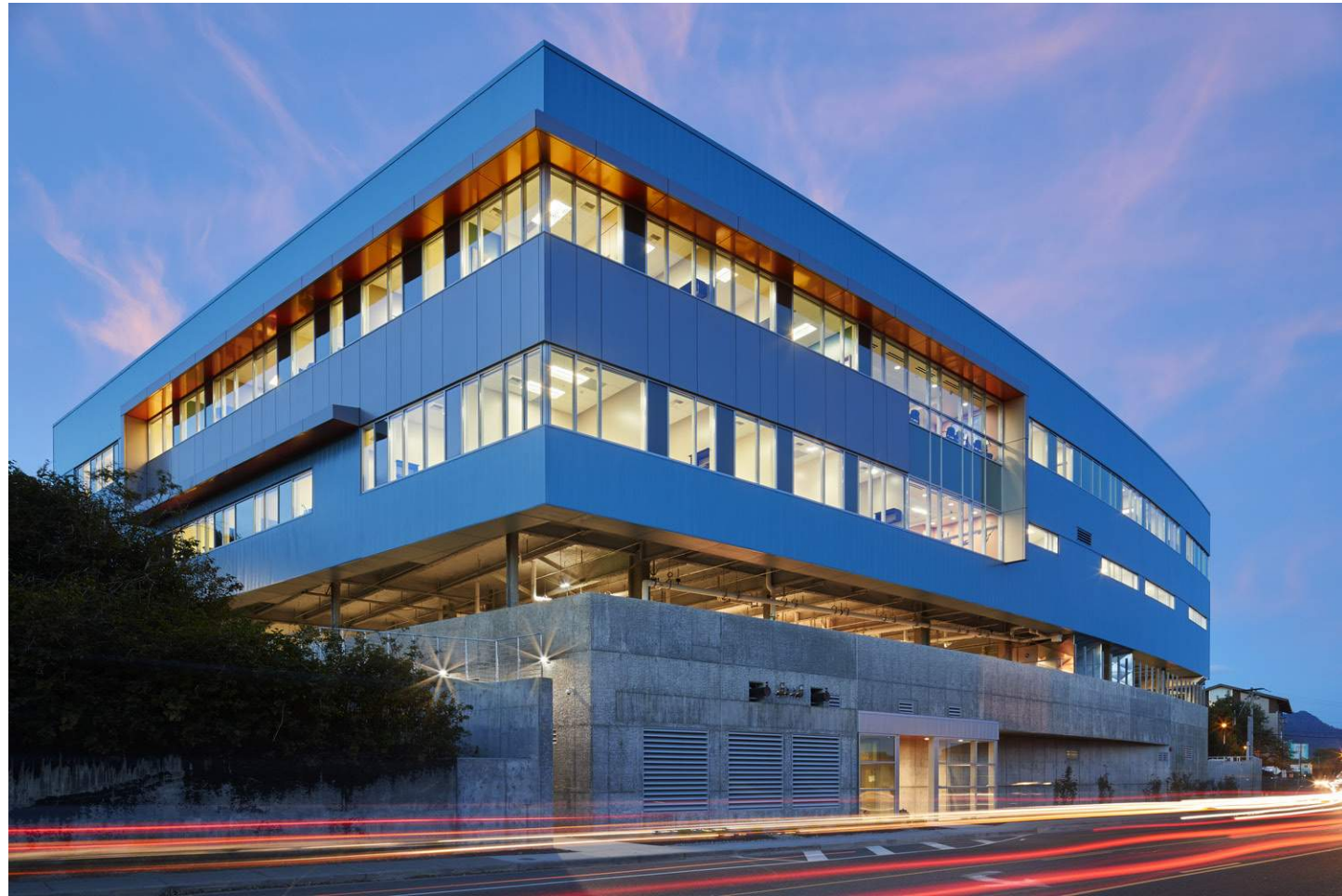
Tivoli Student Union

Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC)
Denver, CO | Unbuilt
350,000 sf | 6 stories
Feasibility Study
Role: PM / Designer / Campus Planner

The Tivoli Student Union is one of the most iconic historic buildings in Denver and forms the core of the Auraria campus. HCM teamed up with Moody Nolan again to help AHEC reimagine how a dramatic new food hall atrium space, combined with better wayfinding for administrative, student orgs, and retail spaces can breathe new life into this beautiful but aging structure. The preferred scheme (shown above), carves out the "winter garden" food hall but leaves historic structures on the National Historic Register untouched.

HCM also worked with The Michaels Organization as a potential P3 developer to help evaluate student, faculty / staff, and workforce housing options for the site (shown center left, hiding behind the historic Tivoli building).





Healthcare

Hospitals, Medical Ofc., Science & Tech Labs

PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center
Ketchikan, AK
Completed 2015
Role: PA

While at NAC Architecture, Jason helped design a regional critical care hospital with operating rooms, nurse stations, and complete imaging suite including MRI, CT, and X-Ray. The advanced facility was located in a major transportation and outdoor adventure hub.



Highline Medical Center
Burien, WA
Completed 2016
Role: PA

Also while at NAC Architecture, coordinated imaging expansions including 3 MRI remodels and additions. A separate renovation project at the same facility created a hyperbaric oxygen wound treatment center with liquid oxygen storage tanks (above).

Hurst Hall Science Lab Renovation
Gunnison, CO
Completion 2026
Role: PM

While at HCM, led lab planning and renovations to existing science lab facilities in order to modernize organic chemistry, physics, lecture, and social spaces. Existing building pictured prior to completion (left).



Planning Community & Campus

Campus Planning

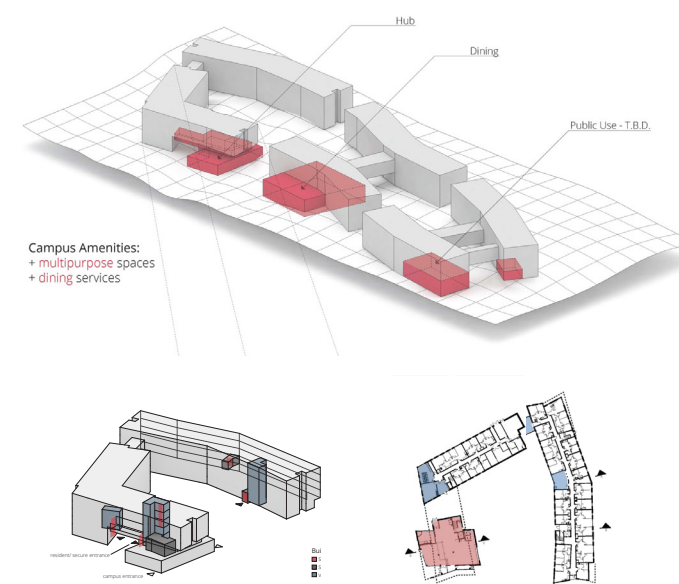
AIMS Community College [top-left]
Greeley, CO | Completed 2020
Role: PA / Designer / Campus Planner

In addition to the architectural design for the AIMS Student Commons shown on page 14, HCM planned the campus landscape architecture and created new connections across campus between major building entries while activating indoor-outdoor plazas.

City Entitlements

1100 28th St Boulder, CO | Site Review
230,000 sf | 150 Units | In for City Review
Role: PA

As key part of the OZ Architecture design team for LV Collective, Jason contributed to the Site Review planning process for the City of Boulder.

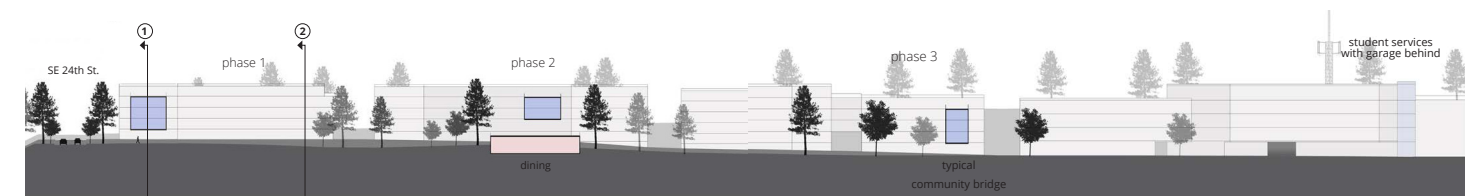


Bellevue College Housing Master Plan

Bellevue, WA | Completed 2018
3 phases | 1,100 beds | Phase 1 complete 2018
Role: PM / Designer / Campus Planner

Located on the northern edge of campus overlooking the college's athletic fields, this three-phase student housing master plan for a proposed 1,100-bed student housing village represents a unique departure for Bellevue College. Currently the largest commuter school in the state of Washington, Bellevue College has made the dramatic transition from commuter-based Community College to a 24/7 live-learn campus. NAC Architecture completed the design and construction of the first of these three phases with 400 new beds (see page 12).

Prior to the construction of the new student housing building, NAC engaged the College in a housing master plan process. This planning process complemented the concurrent campus planning work undertaken by Perkins + Will, where NAC proposed a new pedestrian-friendly campus spine connecting new student housing area back to the campus core.





Workforce Affordable P3 Housing

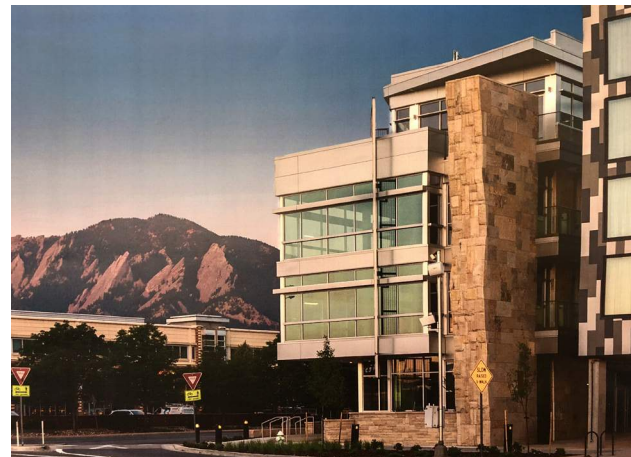
Whetstone Workforce Housing
Gunnison County and Servitas as P3 Developer
Crested Butte, CO | Under construction
335,000 sf | 252 units | Zero Energy Ready Homes
Role: PM / Designer / Community Planner

When Servitas and HCM joined Gunnison County to develop its bold new workforce housing located just two miles outside of Crested Butte, many moving parts needed to align in order to make the project a success. The project received a State DOLA grant to fund water and sewer connections back into Town, which involved coordination with the Town itself, CDOT, CDPHE, GCEA electric utility, and USACE. As required by the DOLA grant, the project was designed to be highly sustainable including all-electric, geothermal, EnergyStar, and Zero Energy Ready Homes (ZERH).



WCU Faculty / Staff Housing
Western Colorado University
Gunnison, CO | Unbuilt
Feasibility Studies and Housing Master Plan
Role: PM / Designer / Community Planner

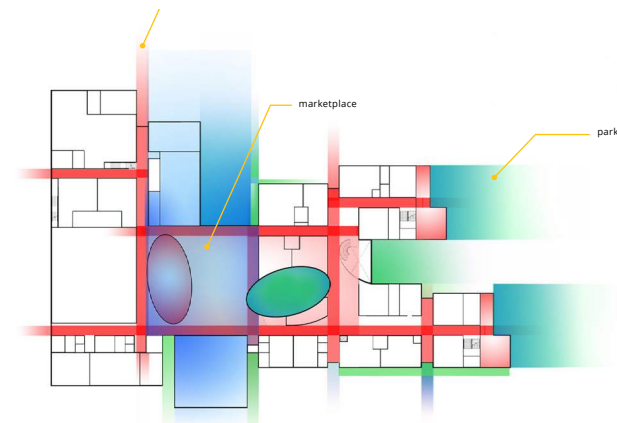
Prior to being selected for the Whetstone Workforce Housing project by Gunnison County (previous page), Jason had already developed a relationship with Servitas when they were acting as the P3 developer for faculty and staff housing at the nearby Western Colorado University. For the walk-up building type pictured above, HCM created unit plans designed for mountain living by providing ample “mud rooms” for coats, tools, and gear storage. This unbuilt project also proposed attractive community amenities (pictured left).



Mixed Use Urban Design

Canyon-28 Mixed-Use Development
Boulder, CO | Completed 2016
40,000 sf | 4 stories + 2 levels undergr. parking
Role: PA / Designer
Bentley Architecture LLC with HAPC

Redefining the eastern gateway into downtown Boulder from Canyon Boulevard, this ambitious mixed-use urban infill project features 3 stories of Class A office over 1 level of ground-floor restaurant and retail space. Two stories of below-grade parking are shared with the adjacent hotel that was part of a larger urban redevelopment project. Complex land use review and entitlements were required in the City of Boulder for this project, given its prominent location at a major intersection and across from the 29th Street Mall. With a sustainability goal of LEED Gold, the building employs high-performance glazing and a dramatic “bris soleil” shade structure to screen the south facade – all while making a striking architectural statement.

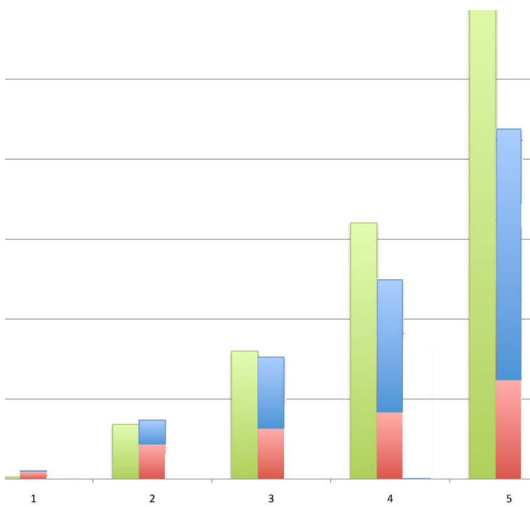


PK-12 Middle Schools & High Schools

Tillicum Middle School
Bellevue, WA
Completed 2018
Role: PA

While at NAC Architecture, Jason helped design Tillicum middle school for the Bellevue School District. The new facility was envisioned as a market square, inspired by cultural influences from Mexico and steeped in the natural beauty of the surrounding wooded site. Oval cutaway shapes created powerful daylight moments at key areas of the building, such as at the entry dining commons and at a feature stair for a three-story atrium.

The Brand



- Low sugar, soy/dairy free for health-conscious consumer

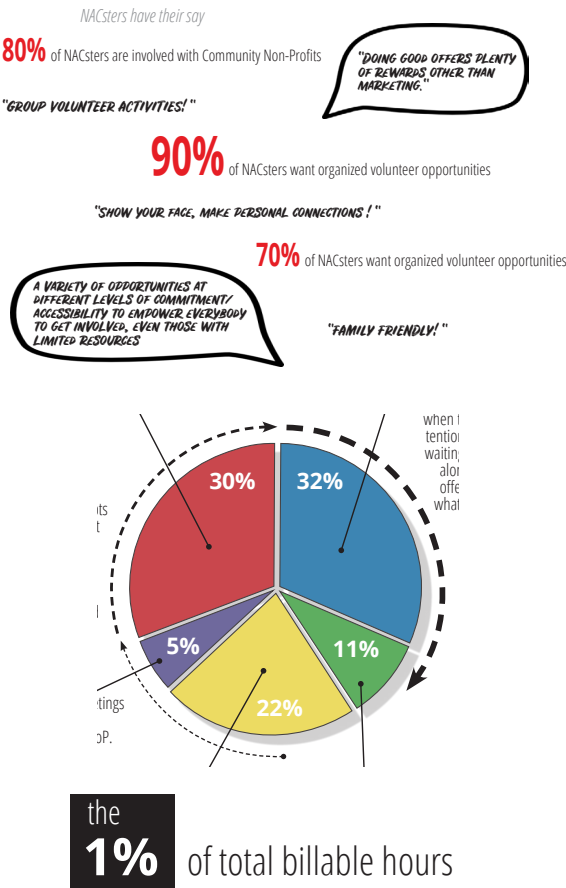


Entrepreneurship
Products and Services

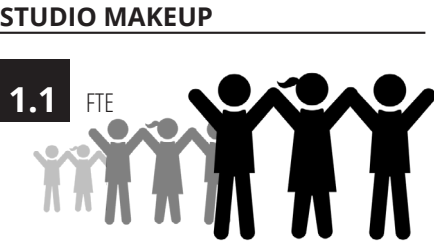
Théa Tea Company LLC
Founder and Business Plan Competition
Finalist, CU Denver (top) | 2013

Created and launched a new beverage company, formulating new products, writing the business plan and seeking an early round of investment capital. The founders chose to not to pursue a second round of financing due to high production and distribution costs, but the beverage concept was proven successful as shown by a similar product funded by Pepsi.

STAFF SURVEY RESULTS



CoP Leadership
\$15,000
5% of 1% of total billable hours
Paid Volunteer Hours
\$65,000
22% of 1% of total billable hours
Strategic Issue Research
\$91,000
30% of 1% of total billable hours
Local Office Initiatives
\$32,000
11% of 1% of total billable hours
Targeted Projects
\$97,000
32% of 1% of total billable hours
Total
\$300,000
100% of 1% of total billable hours



Social Responsibility at NAC
Social responsibility campaign approved by NAC Board of Directors (left) | 2019

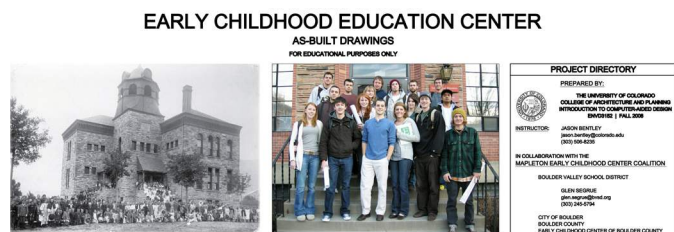
By aligning the strategic mission of the firm in a coordinated social outreach campaign with selected non-profit partners, the NAC social responsibility initiative was designed to connect design staff with community volunteer opportunities, research social issues, and propose relevant pro bono projects to the firm.

Social Responsibility
NOMA and SR Campaign

NOMA Colorado Project Pipeline
National Organization of Minority Architects | Curriculum Development for Project Pipeline

As a member of the inaugural cohort of NOMA Colorado, led the Education Committee and developed a novel, LEGO-based architectural summer camp curriculum for the next generation of diverse architects, designers, and engineers.





Teaching Higher Ed & K-12

School of the Future

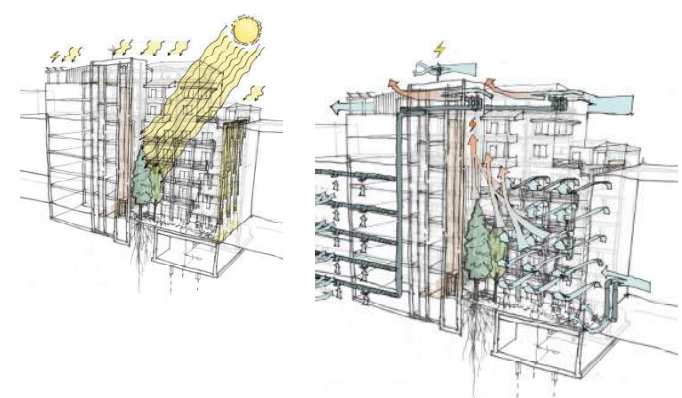
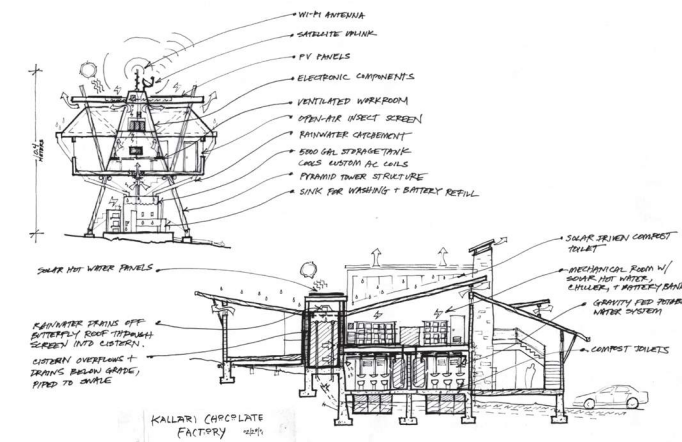
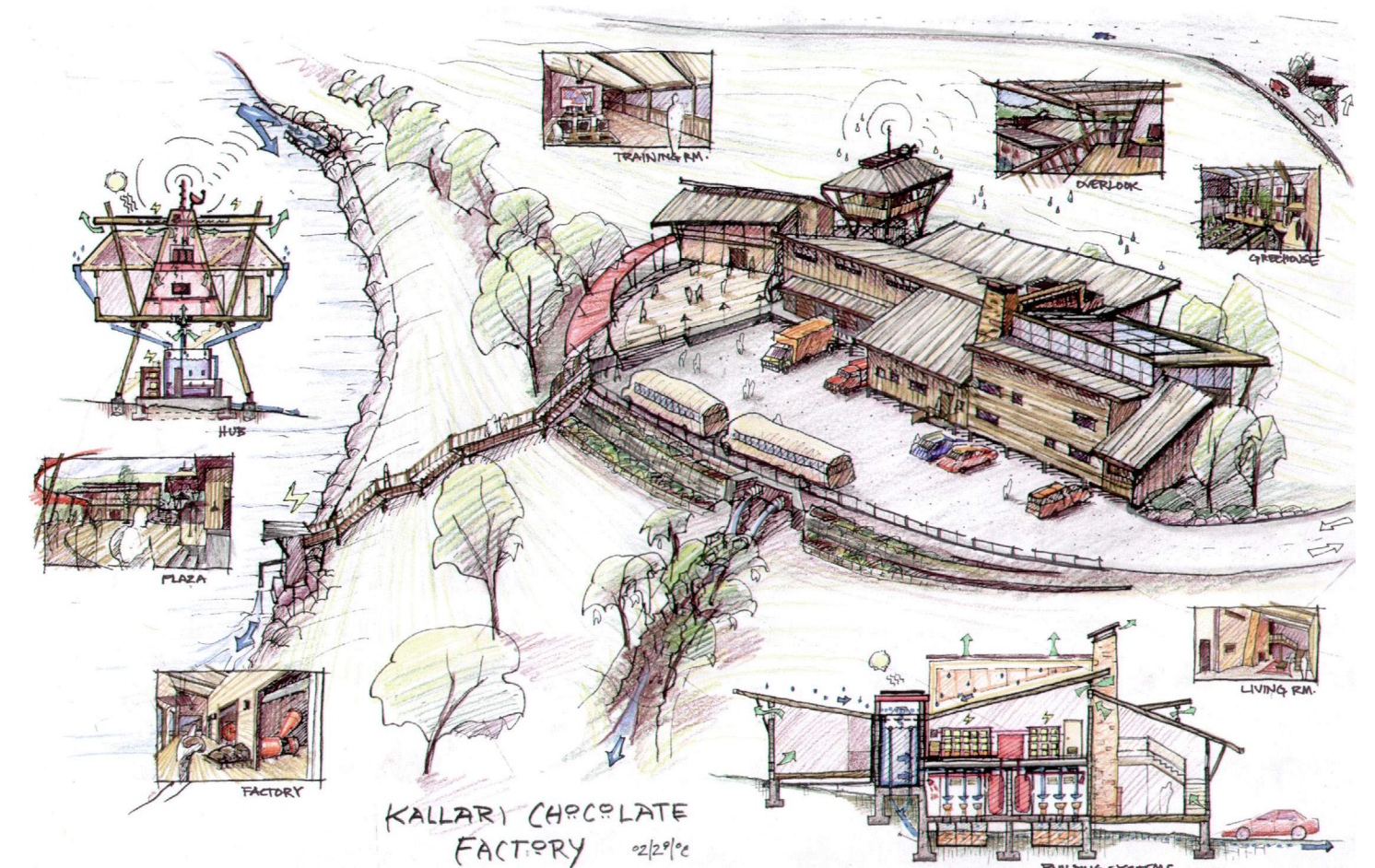
Student work from a course designed and taught at CU Boulder while a faculty lecturer (top). The project was designed with Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) and its 6th grade architecture club. Completed 2009. Finalist.

Mapleton Early Childhood Edu. Center

Student work from course designed and taught at CU Boulder while a faculty lecturer. Performed in collaboration with BVSD, the project replaced as-builts drawings of the historic building lost in a 19th century fire. 2008.

Teaching STEM with LEGOS

Brunelleschi's Dome special event at a Denver art gallery with LEGOs. Play-Well TEKnologies.



Competitions For Sustainability

Kallari Chocolate Factory

Quito, Ecuador | Completed 2007
International prize, honorable mention.

Designed a chocolate factory with retail sales, community center, and outdoor event space. The project featured far-flung communication hubs located throughout the Equadorian rain forest used by local villagers involved in cacao cultivation (top).

Alliance Center

Denver, CO | Completed 2006
NetZero Office Building
Third place, cash prize

Designed an office renovation using passive heating and cooling strategies with rooftop greenhouse, garden plots, and residential units.

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