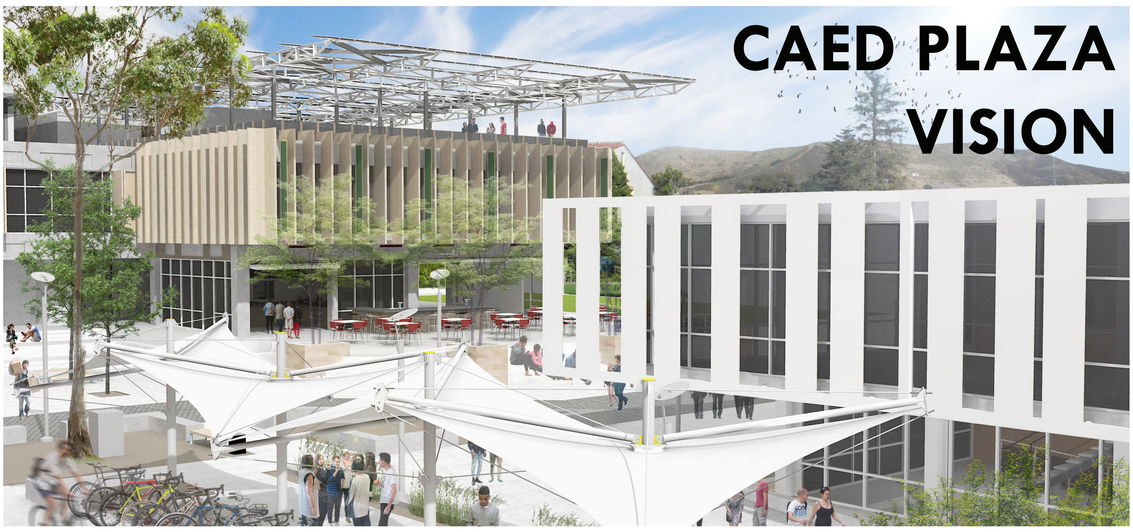
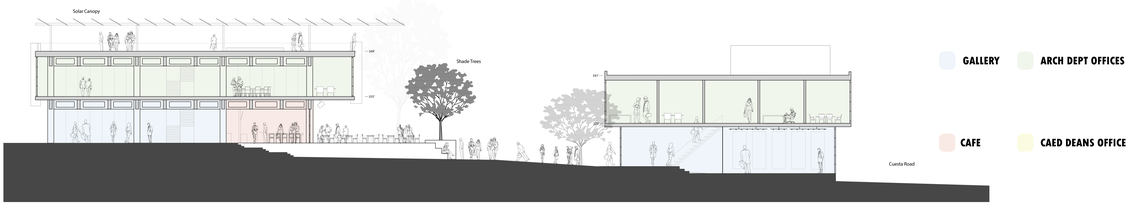
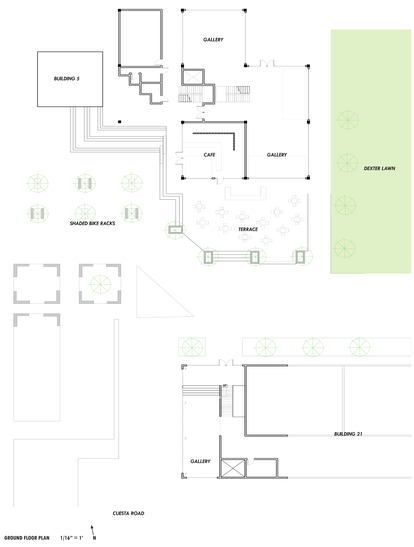
CAED PLAZA VISION





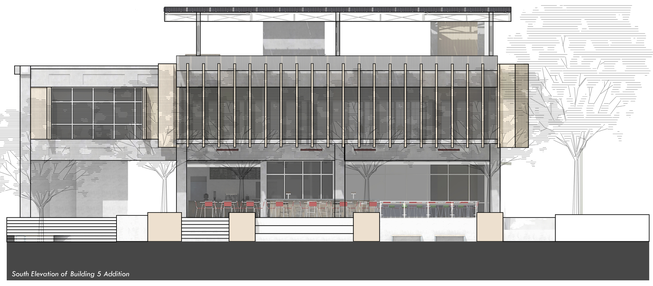


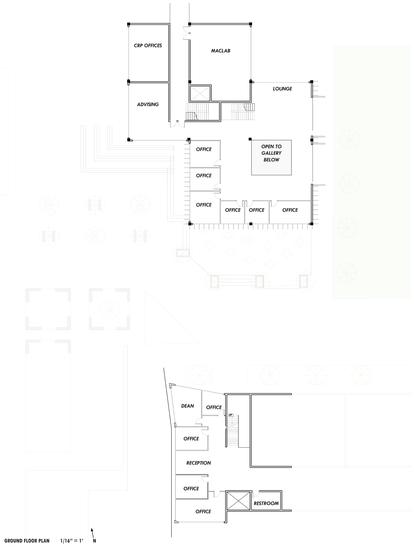
The plaza between the Architecture Building, Engineering West, and the Cotchett Education Building has long sat neglected and underutilized. We propose a vibrant mixture of much needed socio-cultural exhibit space, food options, and a revitalized public plaza that would set the tone for the college and create a vastly improved urban space.

Rooted in William Whyte's seven principles of public space, the new plaza would feed off of the 24/7 energy of the CAED and Dexter Lawn to create an active bustling urban center at one of Cal Poly's most important and most traversed intersections.

I propose a complete renovation of the existing architecture department offices. In their place would be a small cafe that opens to a broad terrace. A large, versatile gallery would occupy the remaining space and open up to dexter lawn as an extension to the outdoors.

The offices would into a new second story addition, where generously sized offices would look over the plaza and dexter lawn, and with a lounge that opens up to views all the way to the P and to the future Centennial Lawn. The offices would be topped with an occupiable rooftop, capped with a solar canopy that would provide would provide additional outdoor space, shade, and renewable energy for Building 5. The deans office would be moved to the upper floor of an addition to the end of Engineering West. The offices would feature great views of the plaza, Dexter Lawn, and Cerro San Luis, with direct visual connections to and from Building 5 and the new plaza. The flower floor would feature long term exhibition space that would activate the southern end of engineering west and provide additional academic space for the CAED.


South Elevation of Building 5 Addition



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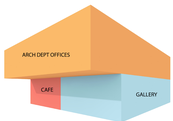

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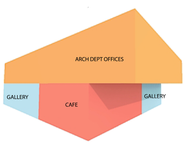

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