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Techne Event

On Tuesday, October 2nd I had the opportunity to attend the NYCCT Techne event. The event was hosted by the Architectural league in Soho, Manhattan. The event mainly focused on the launch of 2018s edition of NYCCT's Technē magazine. The magazine showcases the work of the students and faculty of the college.

I walked in at 6:00 while everything was being set up. There was a screen that displayed the work in the magazine, and a table that had refreshments. The physical copies of the magazine were displayed as well. It was my first chance to see the physical magazine. I took some time to sit down and look inside. Right away I looked for my project, scanning the table contents to see my name. I flipped to the page with my submission and took it all in. There it was, my project for design 7. I couldn't help flipping through my submission with a smile on my face. It was a proud moment to see my work in the magazine, and I'd like to thank the college for considering my work. I took some more time looking at the other submissions. The work of my colleges, faculty and alumni.

I closed the magazine and looked up. The room was filled with people mingling. Faculty, students, people from the Architectural League and other organizations. I grabbed a drink and started socializing with some students I recognized.

Later in the evening, Sanjive Vaidya, The Chair, got the attention of everyone and started speaking. He thanked everyone for being here and transitioned to speaking about the magazine. He really emphasized the students and how hard they work. Mentioning that most of us work full time or support a family and still manage to go to school and produce fantastic work. I admired that he took most of his time to speak about us, it shows he understands how hard we work. Professor Chin spoke after him and talked about the Magazine and the Architectural League. Emphasizing that the league partnered with our school and we should really take advantage of the events and other opportunities they offer. I certainly plan to keep an eye on the Architectural League and may attend a future event they host.

After that, everyone continued to socialize. I knew the event was mainly a networking opportunity but since this was my first time at an architecture related event I found it hard to approach people. I continued to socialize with the students while I tried to work up the courage to approach other people. Unfortunately, it never happened.

The room began to fizzle out with people and I was ready to leave. I thanked Snajive Vaidya and headed out.

Overall, I felt that the event was a great way of getting a feel of what an architecture event is like. I know I need to work on networking and will continue to do so as I attend more events. Once again, I'd like to thank the Architectural league for hosting and the school for publishing my work. Thank you