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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 the 2018 edition of NYCCT's Techne magazine. The magazine showcases the work of the students and faculty of NYCCT.

I walked in around 6:00 while everything was being set up. There was a screen that displayed the work in the magazine, and a table that had drinks and snacks. The physical copies of the magazine were displayed as well. It was my first chance to see the magazine. I took some time to sit down and look at the magazine. 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 the consideration. I took some more time looking at the other works of my colleges, read the interviews with the faculty and graduated students and put the magazine away.

I looked up and the room was filled with people mingling. Faculty, students, people from the Architectural League and some faces I didn't recognize. I grabbed a drink and started socializing with some students I knew.

Around 6:45, Sanjive Vaidya 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 have a family and still go to school and produce tremendous work. I admired that he took the time to speak about us and it showed that 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.

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. It didn't happen.

The room began to fizzle out with people and I was ready to leave. I thanked Professor 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 the event and the school for publishing my work.