



# Studio Brief

## What is BIM and How Does ALW Use It?

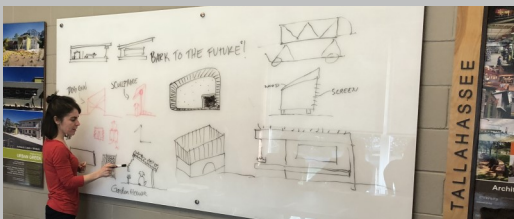
Building Information Modeling (BIM) is a 3D model-based process that provides our team with the insight and tools to efficiently plan, design, build, and manage the buildings we design. The program provides a digital representation of both the physical and functional characteristics of a building as it's being developed. It also provides geometry, spatial relationships, light analysis, geographic information, quantities and properties of a building's components. "BIM modeling allows us to fully immerse ourselves in a space prior to construction. It helps make the collaborative design process with other disciplines work much more efficiently, allowing for quick and precise model updates whenever changes occur," designer Ryan Sheplak says. "BIM-modeled elements such as HVAC, structural steel, topography/grading and architectural elements can be combined into one model to help reduce errors and optimize construction."



## Projects on the Horizon

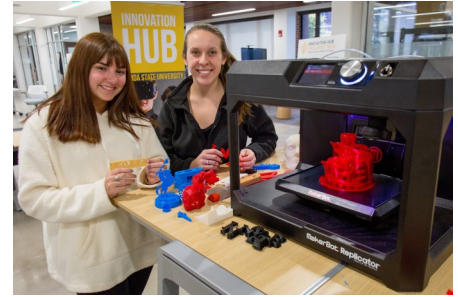
A few other projects going on in the studio include:

- » Bau Wow Haus (ALW's first dog house design)
- » Visit Florida's I-95 Welcome Center Renovation
- » DoubleTree 17th Floor Addition
- » Bradfordville First Baptist Church Admin. Building
- » Franklin Court Residential Development
- » Navarre Beach Bayside Park
- » FSU Student Union Renovation



## New Innovation Hub Opens for FSU Students

FSU Students are now enjoying a new, state-of-the-art innovation center on campus. The interdisciplinary Shores Innovation Hub provides over 14,000 square feet of collaborative workspace for students from all degree programs to meet, share ideas, create prototypes for designs and projects, and have access to cutting-edge technology. The space includes a virtual reality lab, a design/hacking lab, 3D printers and other tools. Ken Baldauf, Director of the Innovation Hub recently shared: "Our 3D printers are cranking out student creations 24 hours a day, students are practicing design thinking, developing apps, experimenting with virtual reality, and discovering their inner innovator while being inspired by this amazing space. All that we dreamed of for the Innovation Hub is becoming a reality. Thanks to ALW's hard work, the Innovation Hub is now open and the initial reaction from students is a resounding WOW!"



## Gathering Design Inspiration for New Downtown Tallahassee Restaurant

ALW is amidst design of a new, locally-owned restaurant in downtown Tallahassee, soon to occupy the ground floor of 201 E. Park Avenue. Today's successful restaurant concepts are about more than just good food, good service and good atmosphere. There are hundreds of elements to take into consideration in restaurant design, so our design team traveled to Atlanta, GA to glean ideas by

exploring designer showrooms and the vibrant restaurant scene. Cam Whitlock, Alana Taylor, Lindsay Grosso and Breezy Adiano visited ADAC (Atlanta Decorative Arts Center) to look at furniture, finishes, lighting and hardware, as well as the Daltile showroom and manufacturing facility. They explored details and cuisine at several high-end restaurants, including the Kimball House, Marcel, St. Cecilia's, the General Muir, King and Duke and Barcelona where wine displays abound.

## Envision Credit Union Brings Out the Gold

On March 6, ALW design team members Rodney Lewis, Kathy Stivers and Ryan Sheplak were excited to grab a gold shovel, along with dignitaries from Envision Credit Union, for the groundbreaking of their new financial center. The 10,000 square foot facility will occupy nearly half a block on N. Monroe Street in downtown Tallahassee. The project is expected to be complete in spring of 2019.



## Scouting for Talent at University Career Fairs

In February, ALW team members attended multi-disciplinary internship fairs at FSU, FAMU and Auburn University. We sent our scouts out to share the ALW story with students from Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Interior Design and Environmental Design programs. These career fairs provide an excellent platform for ALW to meet and interview the best and brightest students for potential internships and positions after graduation. The fairs also provide firms with the opportunity to review and discuss students' portfolios of work, learn about their career goals and interests, and share expectations with them as employers. We are now thoughtfully reviewing portfolios of the students who we ranked the highest based on their work samples, career goals, personality, and passion for design. We will select a new intern from one of these three schools in the coming weeks. Stay tuned to find out who will be joining us this summer!

