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Interview of Charles Arnold

Assessment 6 - Interview

Name of Professional: Charles Arnold

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Assessment:

Through this interview, I was trying to find out the everyday life of an architect. Arnold informed me of how being an architect requires a lot of teamwork with not only co-workers, but also clients as you work to design a building. There is, additionally, a need to constantly edit and revise designs. This shows me that as an architect, it is necessary to acquire the skills needed to communicate well with a team and also resilience in order to focus on making sure that designs are the best they can be, regarding design, safety regulations, and creativity.

One of the big highlights of this interview was when we began to talk about the education that is needed to become a professional architect. Arnold mentioned that he attended Texas

A&M University where he received his Bachelor's degree in environmental science and his Masters degree in architecture. From this, I gathered that there are multiple options when trying to get a degree in architecture. One of these can be to get a Bachelor's degree in something related to architecture, such as environmental science, and then later study for a Master's degree in architecture. However, another option I have is to go to a university that has a program where you can get your Bachelor's degree for architecture in five years. Knowing this, I now have to decide what I feel would be better for me personally.

As well as this, we talked about the advice Arnold might give to someone that is currently studying architecture. He told me that architecture requires many long hours into late hours with little to no sleep and that if you are not truly passionate about architecture then you will not enjoy both the college experience and the career itself. Personally, this makes me excited to continue to learn about architecture as I feel that the more I learn not only within ISM, but in my outside activities, then I will get a better understanding of if this is a good career path and industry to work in.

The topic of the process of designing a building was also discussed. Arnold informed me that in the beginning stages of creating a building, it has little to do with the actual design and layout, but instead mostly focuses on the the location (and the climate within it) as well as the clients wants and the budget that is set. This shows me that before designing a building, I need to consider the things that will impact it in order to save time and money within the editing process. Due to this, research on the location's climate and safety regulations and then, additionally, taking notes on everything the client wants is necessary in order to make sure everything can be done in an orderly fashion.

Overall, through this interview my want to be in the architecture industry has only grown. Additionally, I was able to increase the amount of connections I have within this career. Hopefully, this connection will not only help me to find a mentor, but I also am hoping to use the contacts that I was given.