# Student Opportunity Center



## **Overview**

The Student Opportunity Center is designed to see CMC through the "eyes of a student," allowing them to more strategically and thoughtfully access the variety of resources available to support their personal and professional development. The core of the Center is career services, which will broaden its scope to encourage more exploration and assist students in connecting with internal and external constituencies.

# **Student Opportunity Center**

- Integration of the following services:
  - CMC career services
  - RDS external relations
  - Scholar Communities
    - Fellowships may join
- All under "one roof" to provide the full spectrum of guidance and access to resources
- Open, inviting space for students, alumni and parents to spend time

# **New Space - Overview**

### Goals

- Open floorplan
- Visibility
- Foot traffic

## Location

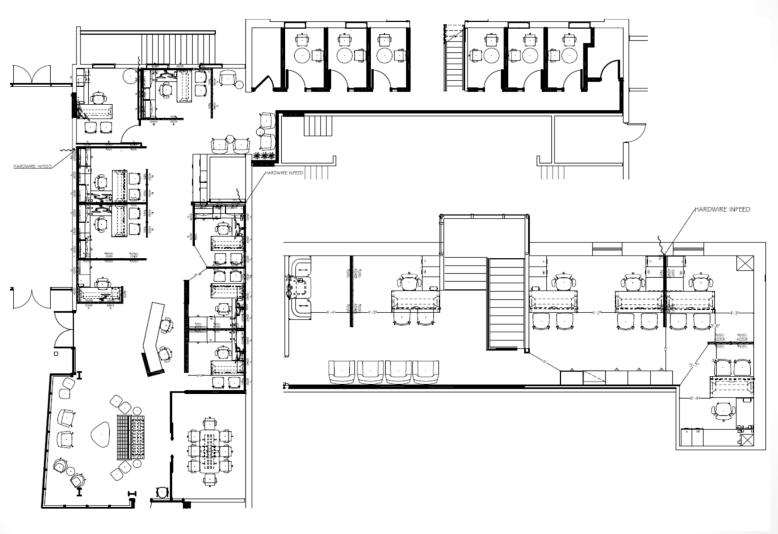
- Frazee
- McKenna Auditorium (north side)

### Timeline

- May 16, 2016 Break ground
- August 29, 2016 Move-in!!



# New Space - Layout



# New Space - Exterior



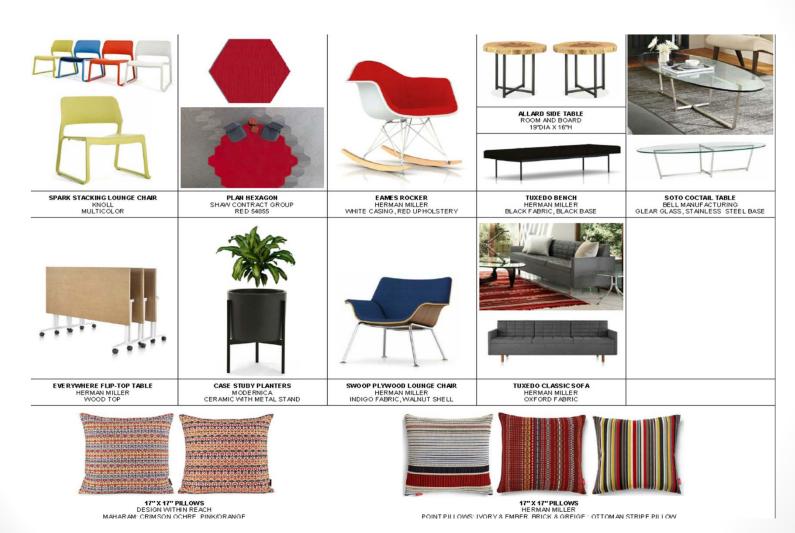
# **New Space - Interior**



# New Space – Community Space



# New Space - Furniture



## **Career Services**

#### Goal

• Assist all CMC students in their personal and professional growth through exploration, experimentation and connection.

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- Counseling Structure
- Freshman Counseling
- Experts-in-Residence
- Sponsored Internship Program
- Job Shadowing
- Career Fair
- Handshake
- Office Hours
- Professional career counselor "drop-in" time

## **Interest Clusters**



# Freshman Counseling

- Wilderness Outdoor Adventure (WOA) Groups at Core
  - Support
    - Professional career counselor is assigned to each WOA group
    - Student career consultant is assigned to each WOA group
  - Programming
    - Fall
      - Introductory workshop in October
        - Encourage exploratory networking
        - Dispel myths
        - Identify questions and develop a strategy for finding answers
    - Spring
      - Introspection
      - Networking
      - Four-year Mapping
- Orientation Participation

# **Experts-in-Residence**

#### Definition

 Alumni and parents who are currently working or have worked in the fields represented by our nine interest clusters

#### Goals

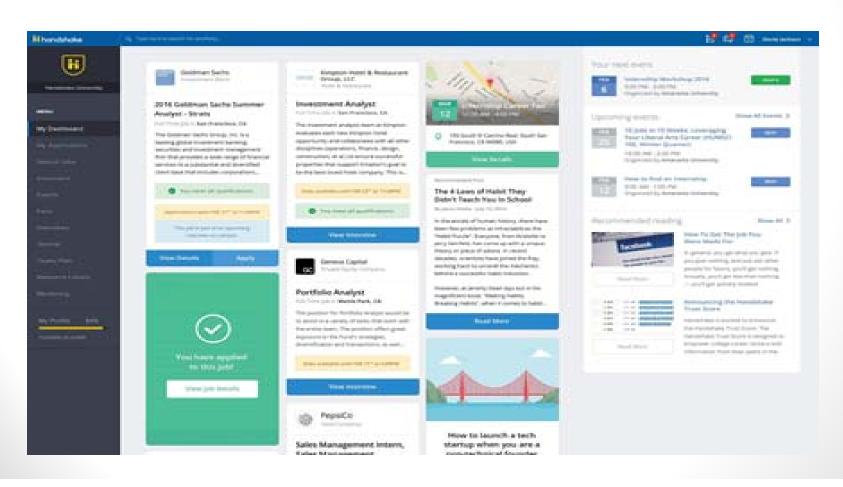
- Assist our professional career counselors in deepening their knowledge of specific fields and staying current
- Assist students in their exploration and recruiting activities

#### Two Levels Needed

- Generalists
- Specialists

# New Online Application and Appointment System

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# **Job Shadowing**

- Details Still Developing
- Possible Timeline
  - January 9-13, 2017 and August 14-25, 2017
- Experience
  - 6-8 hours, including a time to reflect
- Marketing
  - Counselors can promote what opportunities they have for each interest cluster and make names available
- Application
  - Open November (for January) and May/June (for August); apply with resume for "interest cluster" specific opportunities that will list geographies involved
- Screening
  - Screening to be done by Career Services via phone and then assignments will be made. Students will reach out to organize date and time.

## **Career Fair**

- Friday, September 16, 2016
- Five "Neighborhoods"
  - Insurance, Accounting, Financial Services
  - Consulting
  - Government, Law, Policy
  - Science, Healthcare
  - Technology
- Roberts Pavilion
- LinkedIn Photo Booth
- Preparation Workshops
- Open to All



## **Important AY16-17 Dates**

#### Networking Trips

- San Francisco
  - Insurance, Financial Services & Accounting August 22-26, 2016
  - Technology, Entrepreneurship January 8-12, 2017
- New York
  - Insurance, Financial Services & Accounting August 22-26, 2016
  - Insurance, Financial Services & Accounting January 8-12, 2017
- Seattle
  - Business, Real Estate and Technology, Entrepreneurship October 16-18, 2016
- Los Angeles
  - Media, Marketing, Arts & Design, Entertainment October 16-18, 2016
- Chicago
  - Science, Environment and Medicine, Healthcare, Biotech March 13-17, 2017
- Washington, D.C.
  - Government, Law, Policy March 13-17, 2017
- Career Fair Friday, September 16, 2016
- Soll Center for Student Opportunity Dedication/Ribbon Cutting TBD
- Job Shadowing January 9-13 and August 14-25, 2017 (tentative)
- Parent's Weekend February 18-20, 2017

# **Getting Involved**

- Experts-in-Residence Needed for All Interest Clusters
- Company introductions/referrals
- Career Fair Representation
  - Still accepting Career Fair registrants for each of the five "neighborhoods"
    - Contact Charlene Kile
- Job Shadowing
  - New program; still developing
  - Any interest cluster; any geography
- Parent's Weekend
  - Career Networking Sessions

Contact the relevant interest cluster career counselor for more info!

# How to Support Your Student

- Encourage your student to meet with Career Services
  - Make an appointment via Handshake
  - Stop by during "drop-in" hours
  - Attend September 16<sup>th</sup> Career Fair (observer role)
  - Attend company information sessions
  - Participate in First-Year Group in October
- Challenge your student to begin exploratory networking with upperclassmen, faculty, parents and alumni
  - Students "don't know, what they don't know"
  - Career Services is for all students, including those who are exploring and those who have already narrowed their focus
- Share with your student that the Student Opportunity Center is a great place to start when students are not sure where to turn or who can answer their question!
- Advise your student to stay abreast of current events
- Remind your student to be aware of what is on their social media platforms, voicemail message, private email address, etc.
- Assist your student in remaining open about their first summer experience