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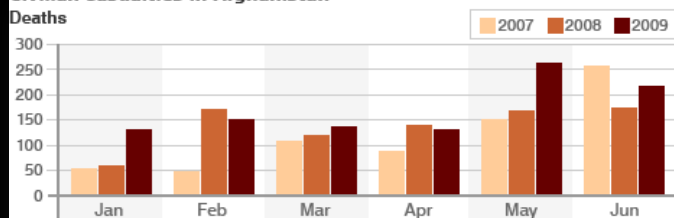
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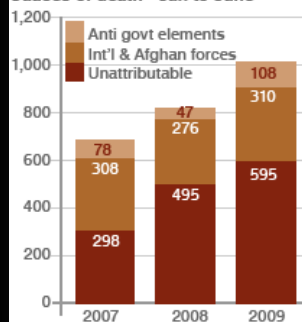
# Architectural Studies Integrative Project

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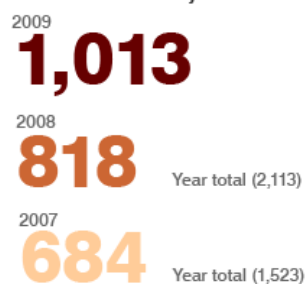
## Civilian casualties in Afghanistan



### Causes of death - Jan to June



### Total deaths 1 January to 30 June



SOURCE: UNAMA

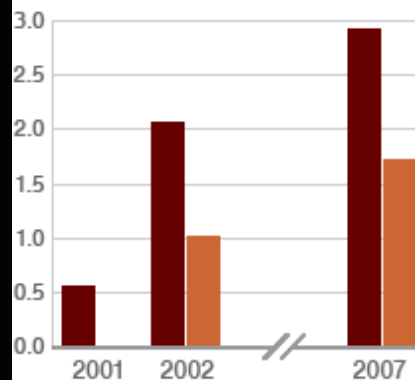
## Education 2001-2007

Male Female

### Students

#### Primary

Millions



### Teachers

#### General education

Millions



### Schools

- 1.2million girls out of primary education
- 35% girls at school
- 9,602 general education schools

SOURCE: Afghan Ministry of Education/UNICEF estimates







HEALING AFGHANISTAN

by Judy Duchesne-  
Peckham

## Dr. Maria Montessori - The Founder

Children in Montessori classes learn at their own, individual pace and according to their own choice of activities from hundreds of possibilities.



Alison Lide - Co-Founder of  
“The House of Flower”

First Montessori school in  
Afghanistan

1- “The hands-on activities of Mont. education benefit the children of conflict countries profoundly, engaging their whole bodies and hands rather than just their intellectual minds. But all children benefit from such an education”.





Projects like this are keys to the survival of the next generation of Afghan children, equipping them to be productive and responsible citizens in a country that has suffered so much and for so long.



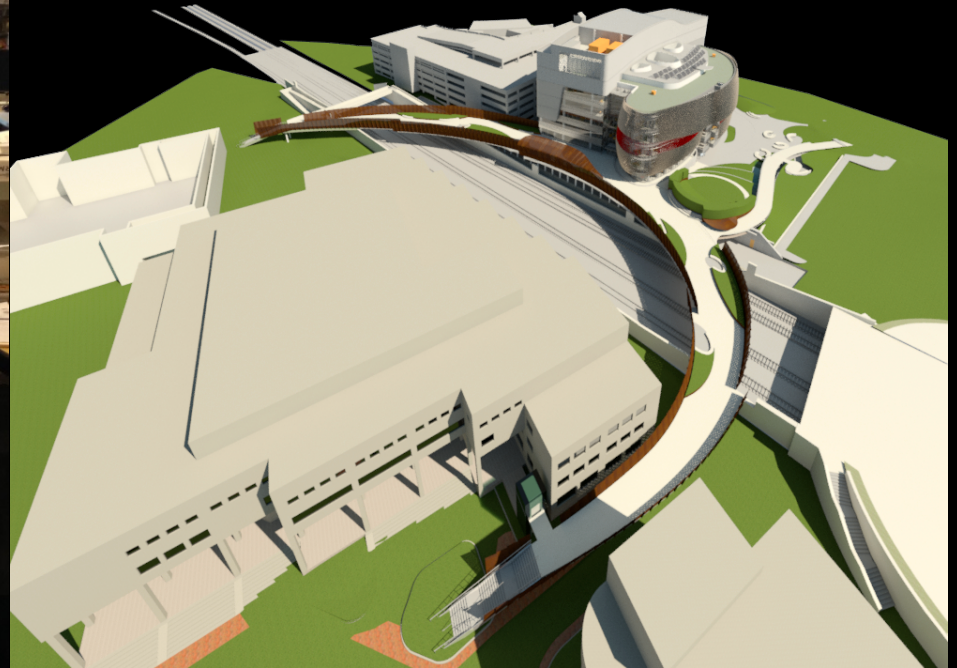
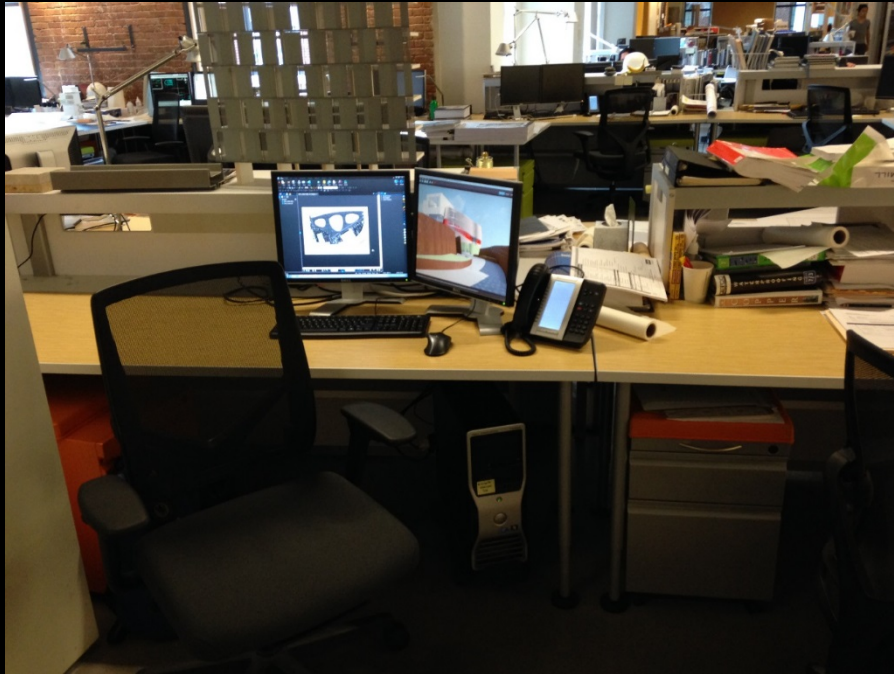
Payette is a leading architectural design firm in Boston.

Many projects have involved or work focuses on technologically and programmatically complex building types for science and health care.

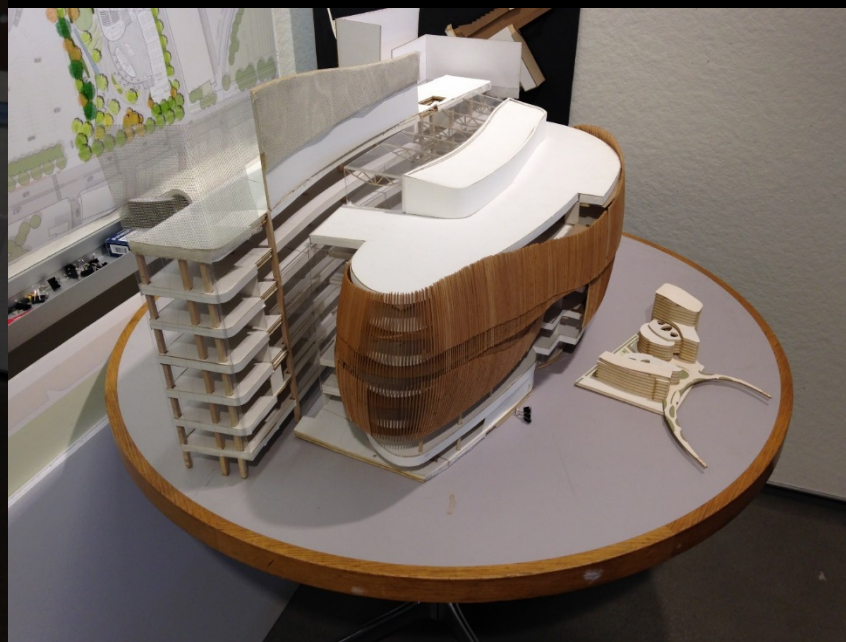


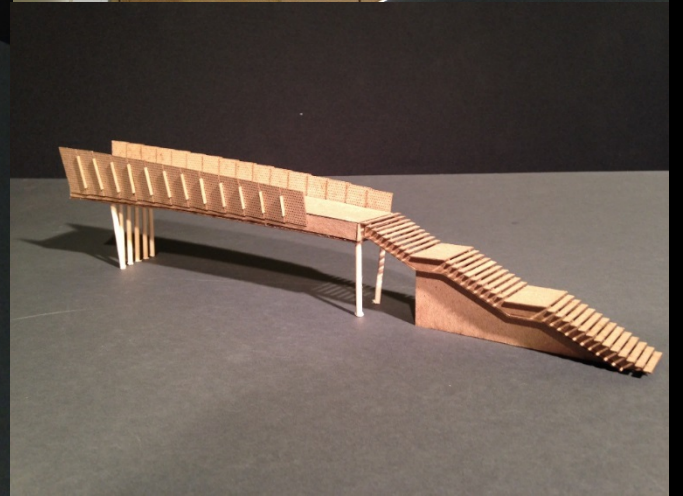
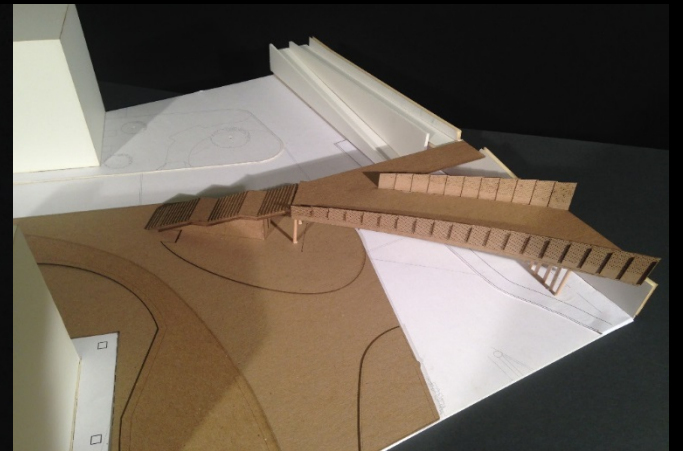
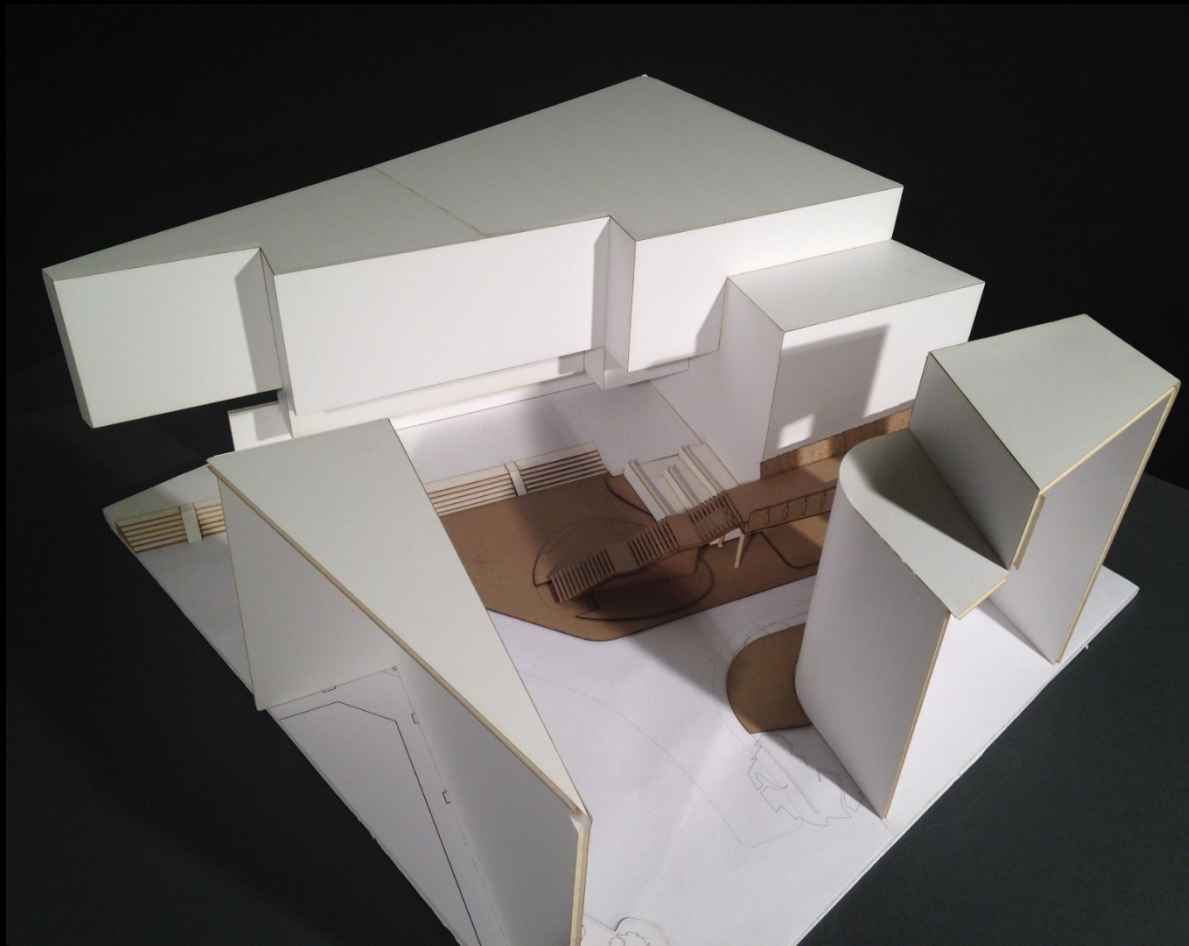
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**Young Designers Core (YDC)**, is a constant source of learning and educational opportunities for interns. Tour buildings that are currently under construction and wrap social, community building events into the opportunities as well.

- There are lunch and learns that are held once a week, as well as "**Meet the Material**" informational sessions twice weekly.

These both give an intern the opportunity to learn more about the field of architecture and how the design industry is changing constantly.





# Reflections

- An overall understanding of how Payette works as a firm and how their design philosophy is executed throughout their project work. Specifically, an increased knowledge and understanding of the use of new BIM technologies, research methodologies regarding building types and physical model-making techniques with advanced software are areas for which they see their intern hitting objectives.

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