MIAPPA CONFERENCE – FEBRUARY 2025

## GRCC Secchia Piazza

**REVITALIZING CAMPUS SPACES: THE STORY OF SECCHIA PIAZZA** 

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## Introducing the team

## GRCC Today



#### Peter Secchia



The Secchia Institute for Culinary Education



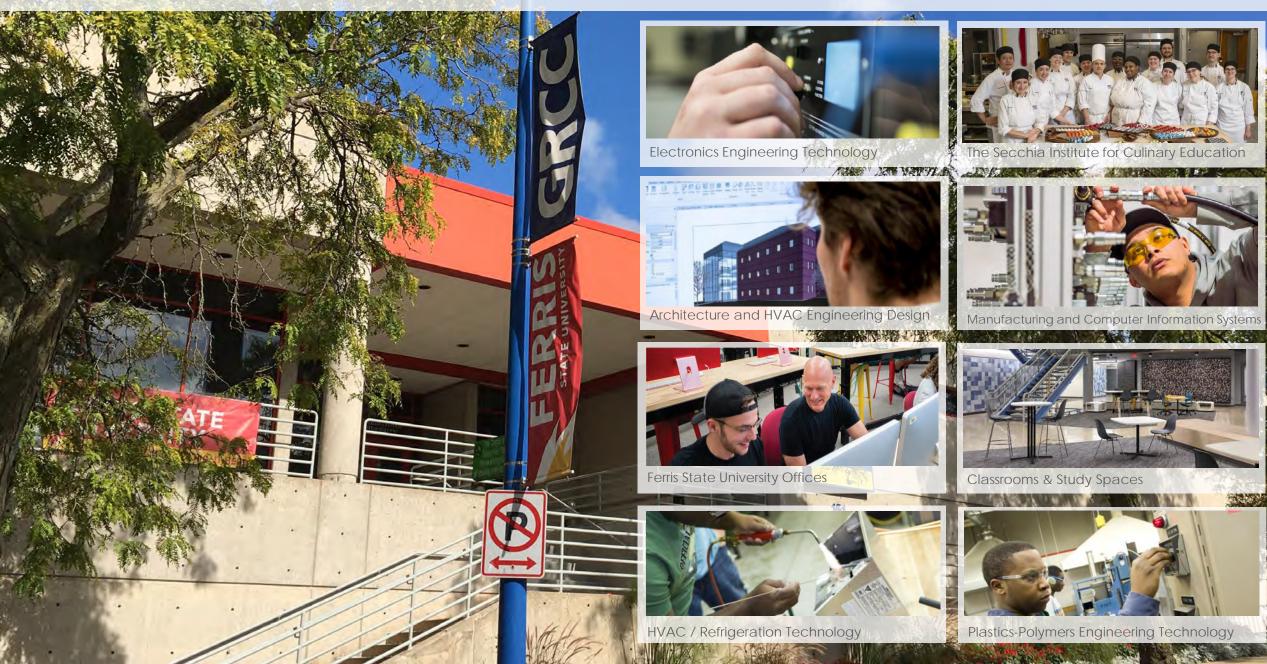
Pietro and Regina Amphitheater



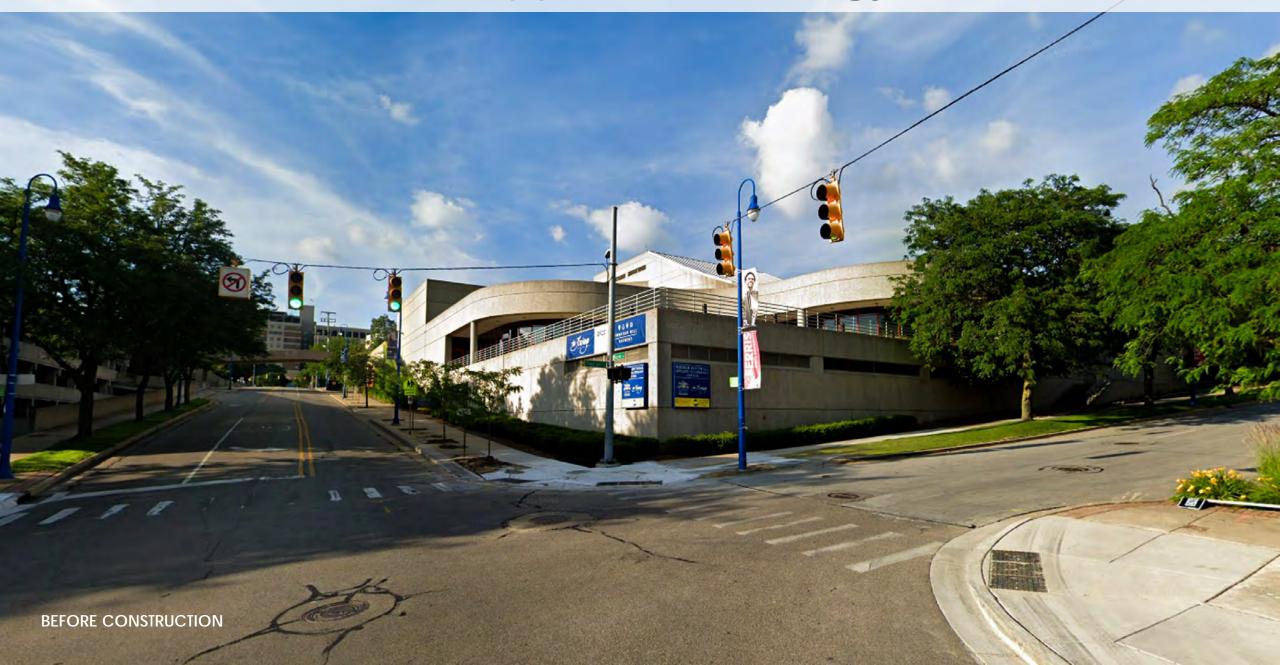
"Peter's Pub" @ Fountain Hill Brewery



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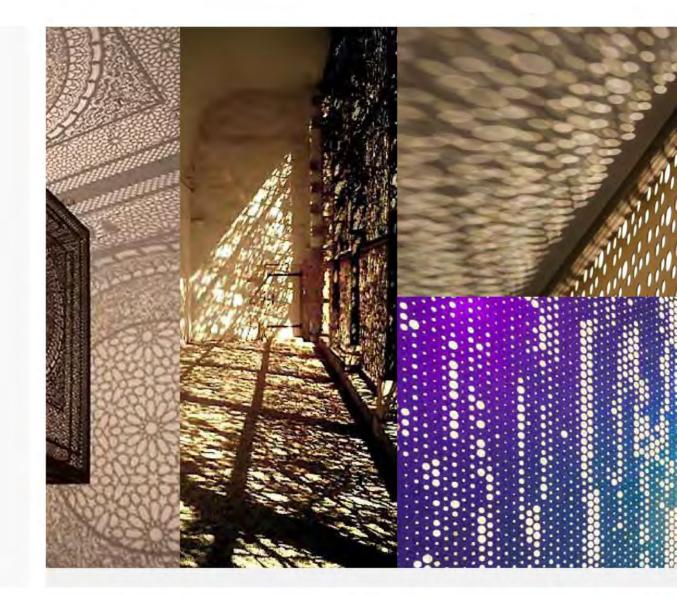


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#### Piazza

The piazza strengthens local identity while reaffirming the cultural past of a people rooted in centuries of history.



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The piazza was the fabric of life which wove together all walks of life.



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Voices and music boom throughout the outdoor living room creating a jovial atmosphere. There is a truly interesting interplay between those who watch and those who partake in the piazza scene and in this sense, the piazza could be considered a neverending play.



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The piazza also reminds citizens where they have come from, walking amongst history every day. And for this reason, perhaps, Italians enjoy their roots in a way Americans yet cannot



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#### Transformation



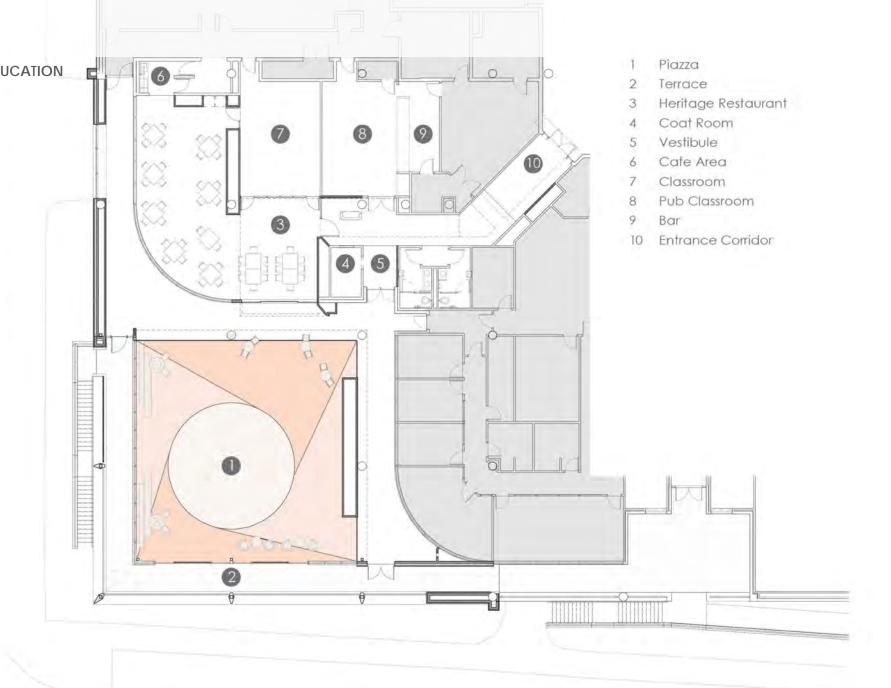
#### Site Context

A BEACON CONNECTING THE COLLEGE AND ITS CITY

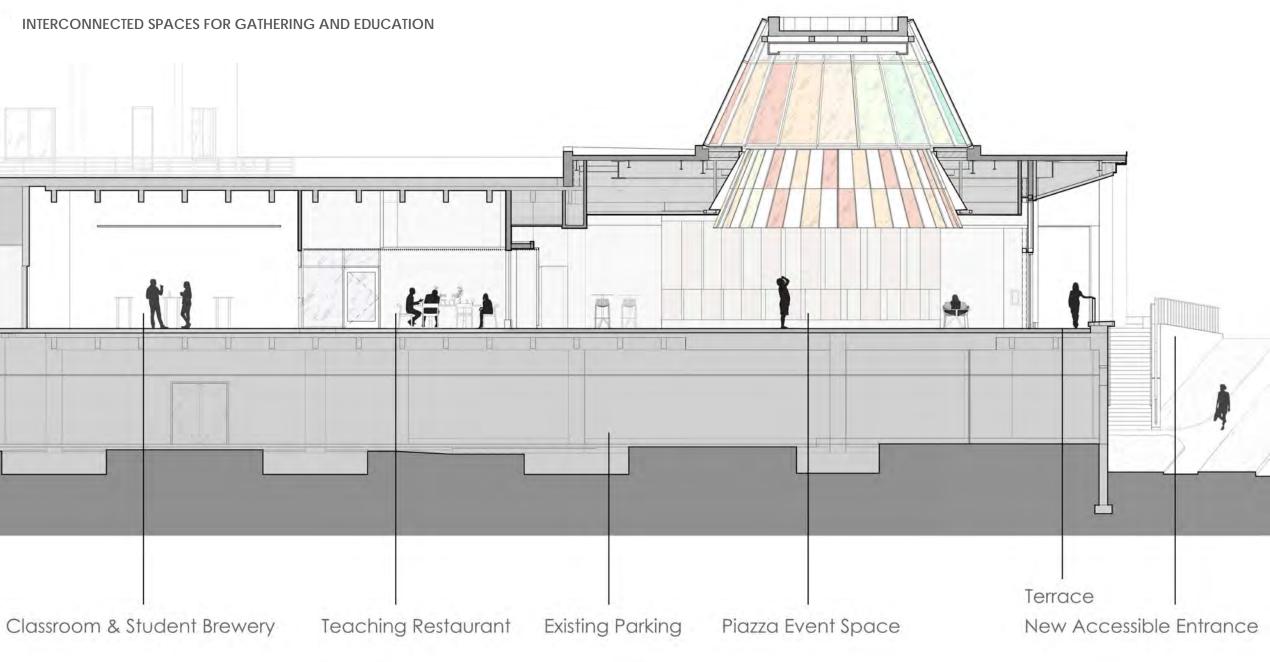


#### Project Plan

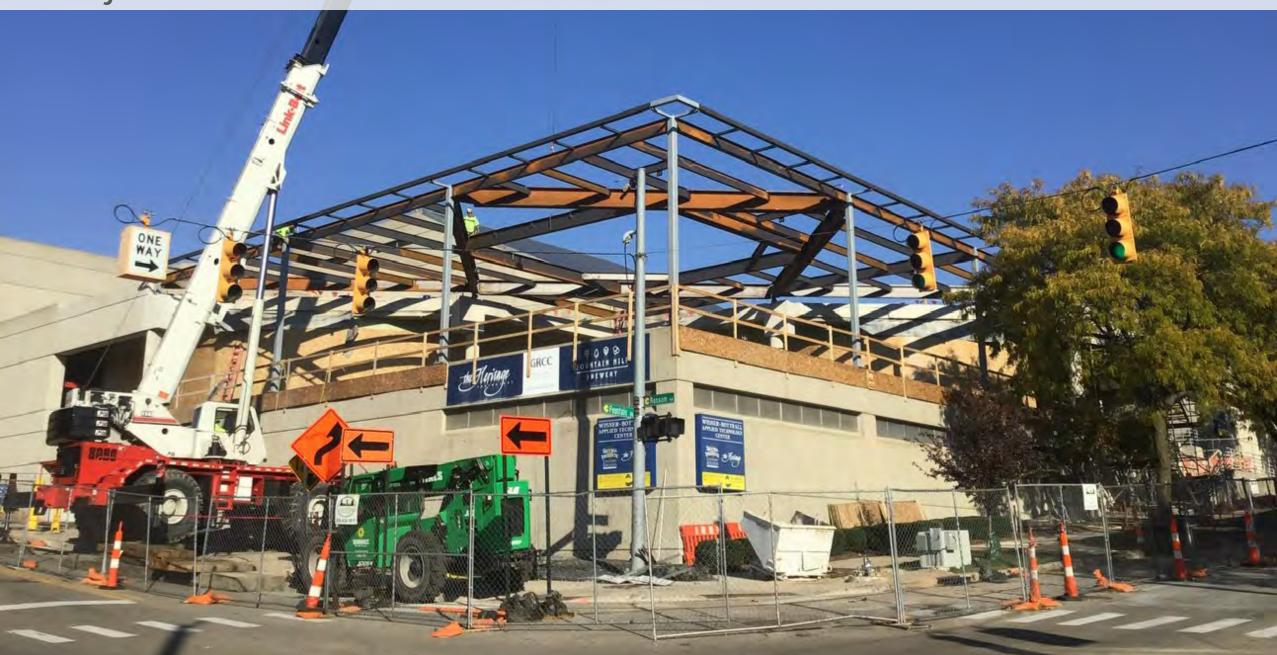
INTERCONNECTED SPACES FOR GATHERING AND EDUCATION



### **Project Section**



## Project Construction



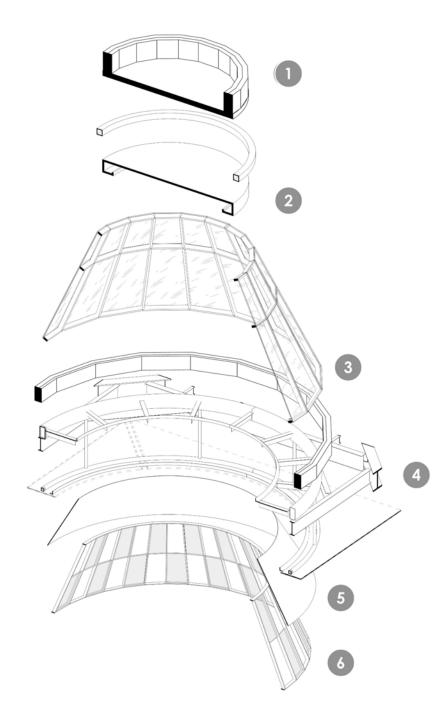






#### Project Details

Sophisticated Design Integration



1. Steel skylight structure, insulation, and membrane

- 2. Stretched acoustical fabric lighting cove
- 3. Colored glass roof monitor
- 4. Steel roof structure
- 5. Stretched ceiling membrane
- 6. Acrylic acoustical panels on aluminum structure

### **Project Inspiration**



# Project Construction

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## A Sustainable Part of Campus



## Accessible For All



## A Joyful Reception







## A Catalyst for Transformation







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## An Iconic Addition to the City

