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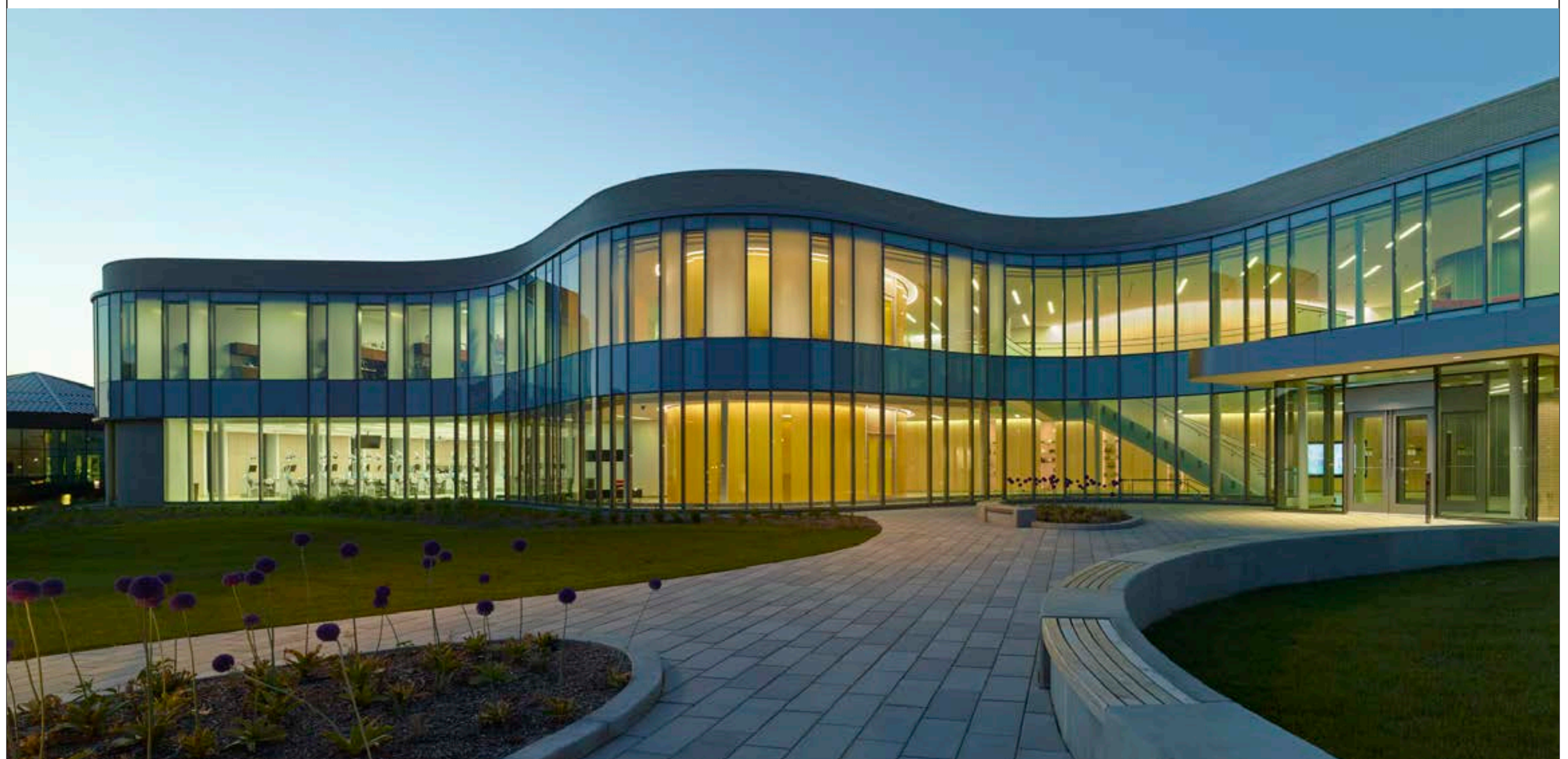
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The University desired a connection between students in the existing schools on campus with the new dental students – both socially and educationally. To promote this, the building includes classrooms and specialized labs used by other schools on campus and generous circulation space for study and collaboration.

Together with surrounding buildings, the new building defines a new outdoor green space, the first on the existing campus. The form reinforces existing campus patterns – a hard edge facing the town and soft shapes dominating the interior of the campus.

The transparent envelope reinforces the relationship between the interior and the landscape outside. A combination of clear and translucent glasses, the envelope modulates light and views according to the spaces inside. The interior materials used in the labs and public spaces vary in transparency, texture and color. At night, interior colors of different hues emanate a soft glow on the green space outside, revealing the activity inside to the campus, connecting the campus together.

AIA St. Louis 2014 Honor Award in Architecture



Alumnae Biography

BIOGRAPHY

Upon graduation from the SamFox School, I began my career working for the St. Louis office of CannonDesign. I believe in the embodiment of concept to creation. I've had experience in a variety of project types including master planning, architectural guidelines, and exterior/interior design in all phases. I truly enjoy the

challenges that progressive ideas present and how to implement these ideas into the built environment. As a key member of the design team for a large Corporate Commercial Client, the past two years I have worked to develop their overall campus vision and implement this vision through individual building design and construction with a completion date of 2016.

AWARDS

- AIA St. Louis Honor Award, Architecture 2014
- AIA St. Louis Ranft Scholar
- AIA St. Louis Kassabaum Scholar
- Harris Armstrong Memorial Scholar