



Keeowee Key Fire Station Proposal

This is a model constructed to show the architect of record and the members of the fire department how their new 3-bay fire station could be built into the hillside and thereby conserve energy.



Clemson University Fire Department's Engine 1

For 25 years I have been a firefighter with the university's department as a part of my public service mission. This connection led to the design of a custom fire apparatus for the department.



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My design work on Engine 1 led to a fundamental change in the requirements for all fire apparatus built in North America after 1999 – they must all have automatic “ground illuminating” lights around the edge of the apparatus. I have completed 3 additional fire trucks and become a regional speaker on the art and science of fire apparatus design.

And finally one of the “rewards” that keep you dedicated to teaching.

This note is from Isabel Fernandez-Vera who is now an employee of DesignWorkshop's Denver, Colorado office.

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Dear Prof. Collins,

Thank you for seeing me through! The day I met you in person after all of our phone conversations and you said I was in the major I have been doing with my life what I love, all thanks to you.

Your example and the kind of program you run have no comparison. I am extremely proud to be able to graduate from this program that you and your ideas made what it is.

Listening to the feedback in the accreditation meeting made me even prouder.

Last summer was wonderful, I was finally mature enough that I could listen carefully and learn from your every word. I will never forget the candid words you shared with me on our trip to Charleston. You are the life of this program and I am sure that your well established ideas will always be preserved. To me Clemson was more than an educational

It may not have seemed like a big deal to you, but it was to me.

Thank you!

institution, it was my home and family away from home. I will always remember you and admire you.

Your student

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