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Participating in the AEI Student Design Competition gave me a different outlook on the BIM/IPD process. I learned just how much coordination and communication was necessary in order to produce a working set of documents. This in turn forced each of the option to work integrally with one another, which in the end produced a more efficient building than if the options were to work separately from each other. I also gained a more thorough understanding of the other systems within building and how they are all interconnected in some way or another.

In the beginning of the project as a team we knew that communication was going to be a large factor in how smoothly things were going to progress. I think as a whole, we could have focused more on clear communication. If this concept was given more weight at the beginning of the project, some problems could have been dealt with earlier on in the design phase.

All in all, the AEI competition was an extremely beneficial experience and allowed me as a designer to be more conscientious about other aspects of construction, and it allowed me to see just how important clear communication is in the design of complex buildings.

