



## BUILDING IDEAS

Architecture two students worked on designing concepts derived from a tree.

As students were introduced to their resort suite project, they began sketching their designs from their chosen concepts. "For the tree house I will be using wood for the floor for the model. My idea is to go for a more open design cause when you look at a mangrove you see all the roots and how the light shines through it. It has been challenging designing with the mangrove tree, but you really just have to use your creativity to overcome it," junior **Cristobal Garcia** said. Once they finished their design, students like junior **Mademzie Cohen** began building their tree house concepts. Photos by Hanna Masak

# bright MINDS

Architecture students brought their concepts to life.

On Feb. 8, senior Victoria Moya completed the final touches of her lamp, watching it as it lit up the room. Industrial Design students worked on their original lamp structure designs throughout the year.

"The idea behind my lamp project was to create a romantically-lit setting using organic shapes. I felt the use of organic shapes would accentuate the feeling of romance and allure. Going to the Frost Museum of Science helped me come up with the idea," Moya said.

The process first involved deconstructing the lamp into pieces. Later, students made designs and created models to see which one they wanted to do. After sketching their designs on paper and calculating the measurements, they made the functional prototype into a real life object.

While Industrial Design students worked on lamp concepts and habitat

shelters, interior design students focused on an interior space and a Olfactory Garden concept.

"After finishing my interior space project of my restaurant, I began working on my Olfactory Garden concept. Coming up with a concept on the current garden has been a little challenging because I had to choose one specific theme to focus on. But being able to focus by sketching out and mapping out my ideas helped me overcome that," junior **Sophia Varabyeva** said.

Architecture teacher Maite Martinez-Cid discussed the relevance and creativity that architecture courses offered.

"Architecture is part of our everyday environment. Architecture gives my students a medium for expression and helps them find their individual style," Martinez-Cid said.

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## IMPROVING SKILLS

Weekly sketches helped sharpen skills.

Hoping to improve her architectural skills, senior **Raisa Almeida Miglioli** drew her weekly sketch. The weekly assignments helped students maintain their drawing skills. "Sketches help you explore concepts and allow for artistic freedom as you come up with your own design," Miglioli said. Photos by Gina Copetti



ONCE HER ORIGINAL LAMP DESIGN was complete, senior Victoria Moya adjusted the light bulb. "After finishing the project I felt accomplished at what would be the first of many pieces of furniture I would complete," said Moya. Photo by Valeria Castillo