

# PIECES OF HOME

A College House Community Mosaic

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# THE LOCATION

- Stouffer College House
  - Mayer and Stouffer residential buildings
  - 38<sup>th</sup> and Spruce St.
  - University of Pennsylvania campus





# THE SPACE

- Abundance of blank walls
  - Interior and exterior
    - Patio
    - Mailboxes hallway
    - Lounges
    - Lobby
- Heavy use





# THE COMMUNITY

- Residents
  - Undergraduates from all 4 years
    - ~100 freshmen, 200 upperclassmen
  - Faculty Fellows, Graduate Associates, Dean, Staff
  - 3 Dogs
- Active Alumni population





# THE ATMOSPHERE

- Pride and love
  - “Highest percentage of returning residents”
- Active
  - Intramural sports
  - Student-lead activities
- Diverse
- Energy, maturity & interests of college students
- Art appreciation





# THE RESEARCH

- “Nihil Domo Similius”
  - “Nothing comes closer to home”
- Imagery Ideas
  - Dragon/Crest
  - Gorilla
  - Cookies
  - Outdoor orientation trip
  - Hammock
  - Hot tub
  - Dislike of The Quad
  - Competitive eating
  - The House Cup
  - BBQs
  - Steering Committee
  - Dutch Auction





# THE IMAGERY



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FNAR 222-Big Picture: Mural Arts





# THE CHALLENGE

- Visualizing the pride of this active, tight-knit community
- Unite and cover numerous disparate and scattered areas with art







# THE DESIGN



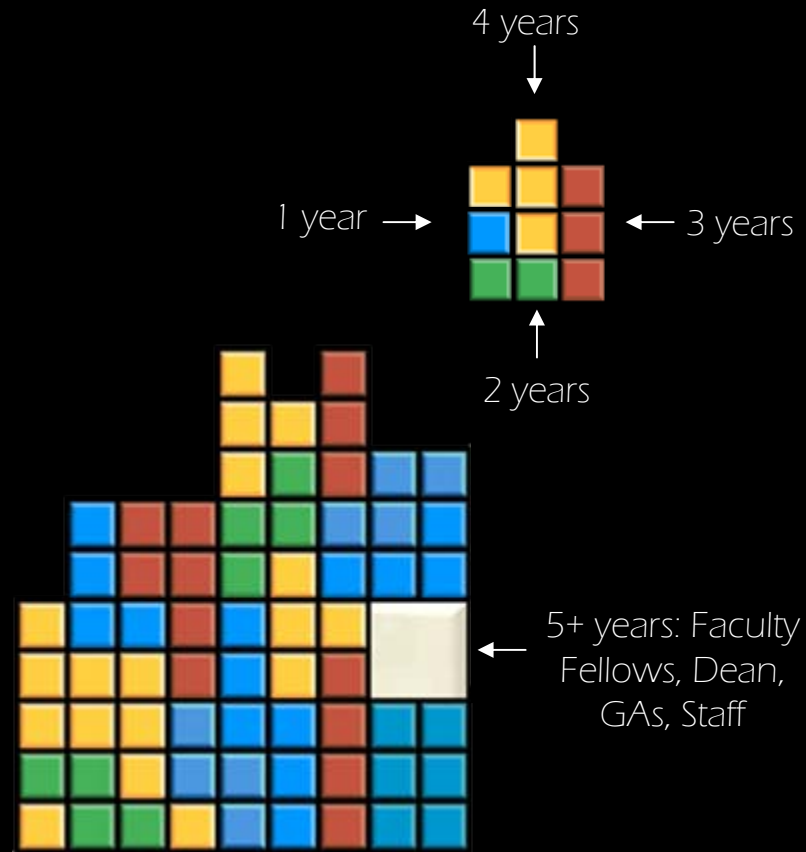
- Pieces of Home
  - Tetris-like free mosaic pattern that flows through all blank spaces
- Material
  - Self-adhesive vinyl “tiles”
    - 4 colors (not as pictured, right)
      - Color theory
      - “Official”
    - Reflective “mirrors”





# THE MEANING

- Piece color and size corresponds to number of years involved
  - Alumni
  - Honorary members
    - Fundraiser?
- Interlocking pieces
  - Reflection
  - Support
- Accurate representation





# THE INSTALLATION

- Annual BBQ to install graduates' pieces
  - Honor and recognize achievements of community
- Both floor-to-ceiling and incompletely filled
  - Wherever there's space
- Ever-expanding, ubiquitous pattern
  - Unites two buildings

