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Mississippi State University architecture students presented their designs for a Mamie Till-Mobley memorial on April 19th, 2024.

MSU Architecture Students Present Design Proposals for Memorial Honoring Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till

On April 19th, undergraduate students from Mississippi State University's School of Architecture presented their designs for a memorial to honor Mrs. Mamie Till-Mobley. The proposed site is located near the town of Webb where Mamie Till-Mobley was born.

This marks the third collaboration between the ETIC and MSU architecture students through the leadership of Prof. Silvina Lopez Barrera to envision a memorial connected to the Till story. The first class in 2020 imagined and designed memorials focused on the Graball Landing river site.

Earlier this semester, in March, MSU students visited the site near Webb and spoke with ETIC staff about the site's significance. This year's designs focused on community and restorative narratives through architectural spaces. The proposed memorials took into account the various conditions of the site while incorporating symbolic and educational elements to engage visitors with the history of Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till.

Staff from the Emmett Till Interpretive Center alongside other community members attended the all-day event on MSU's campus on April 19th and judged the designs. Discussions addressed how the memorial's design outcomes could contribute to the larger ongoing conversation in the Tallahatchie County community about developing the site.

"Since 2020, in this studio we have worked in different sites in the Delta related to Emmett Till's legacy," said Professor Silvina Lopez Barrera, the studio coordinator at the MSU School of Architecture. "This project embraces community-engaged learning pedagogy and emphasizes the power of architecture to tell stories improving the wellbeing of communities."

The ETIC hopes to bring these student designs back to our community to spark conversations about how we might move forward with developing the space on Highway 49E as a memorial and a space for the community to gather.

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