

DESIGN APPROACH:

In order to create a community, one has to enlist a central hub for all possible amenities imaginable by residents. For this reason alone, our team decided to problematically orient our residents via their circulation throughout the complex.

Through creating a central entry point, we garnered the element of one's typical "Family Room" ideal for residents to socialize freely amongst one another. Our positioning of a large central kitchen opts to blend cultures together, as we believe it is with through food individuals are able to bond and create viable and lasting relationships. The social atmosphere of the room led to an ideal open floorplan layout bearing optimal views to both the East and West entry and exit points of the structure.

CIRCULATION:

With the pronounced social and climatic entry point at the center of our "Exploded Dumbbell" design, it easily became allocated as the designated area for the main commercial features and amenities to be featured that would be available for our residents to enjoy. This thus acted as the best intended access and entry point for circulation throughout the complex. Past the initial entry, we lead our residents through our structure to their designated unit spaces arranged along either our North or South Towers. Thus, residents are contently protected from the lively nature of the central community space and outdoor corridor, but still within a close enough proximity that they may be enticed enough to engage in the festivities with their peers.



Figure 11

SENSE OF COMMUNITY & INTERACTION



Seating niches along West facade wall enable for more intimate study spots and locations while also boasting great views to the outdoor patio/deck.



Kitchen features a glass refrigerator to feature the vegetables that are being grown on site from the outdoor community garden. This further brings in the concept of healthy living and lifestyles among residents.



Community room furnishings features low-high-low-high seating set to full-fill the different purposes of interactions and tasks being performed; such seating sets thus reflects building's name: LoHi.