The Red Square has a history of student advocacy, where students can voice their opinions and make bold statements. We wanted our design to embrace this factor and capture it through the theme of sound waves. The two glass pavilions that provide overhead cover keep the form of undulating sound waves. We addressed concerns such as nighttime safety by illuminating Red Square through the two glass pavilions and through the glowing glass boxes outside of Kane Hall. To address the issue of the slippery bricks, we took out some of the brick paving and replaced it with concrete on areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Overall, we’ve designed a space where everyone can feel safe to pass through, to stay, and to let their voices be heard.

precedent studies

Louvre Pyramid
Designed by I.M. Pei, Paris

The Joe and Rika Mansueto Library
Designed by Helmut Jahn, Chicago

Museum of Pop Culture
Designed by Frank Gehry, Seattle

lighting our voices

inspired by the modern glass structures that illuminate the site and reflect in the pools

fascinated by the glowing orb created by this architect, this building acts as a warm retreat from the harsh Chicago winter

the interesting forms that emulate sound and music, inspired our forms for our glass pavilions

undulating "sound wave" glass pavilion for weather cover and seating beside reflective pools

glass box stages light up at night, provides seating and a platform for advocacy

view from underneath the glass pavilion on a rainy day with outdoor study space

lighted glass stages