

<u>23 – 24 Annual Report</u>

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY Department of Architecture

Howdy, A+IAC members and fellow Aggies!

Welcome to the Department of Architecture – Architecture+Industry Advisory Council (A+IAC) 2023-2024 Annual Report.

The Department officially unified its Center-based Advisory groups under one umbrella advisory council to the Department Head and established the Architecture + Industry Advisory Council (A+IAC) at the spring 2023 meeting. In that meeting, the A+IAC formalized its guidelines and aligned them to the Department's strategic plan with a commitment to our faculty and students and core Aggie Values of excellence, leadership, innovation, and impact. Together, the Department and A+IAC forged partnerships that amplified our reach and influence on the communities we serve. Our vision is clear: to be a center of excellence that shapes sustainably built environments through innovative design, rigorous scholarship, and socially responsible practice and provide an unwavering commitment to design and research excellence, as well as leadership.

Our Architecture+Industry Advisory Council continues to grow in individual and firm memberships. The Department views the A+IAC role as crucial to ensuring a curriculum that prepares our graduates not only to take on the jobs of the future but also to create those jobs. This collaboration between academia and industry keeps our curriculum relevant, our research impactful, and our students at the forefront of innovation. Together, we commit to defining the future of architecture as a professional practice, an academic discipline, and a form of experimental creative expression. By pushing the boundaries of what is possible, we will shape the built environment to enhance the human experience, advance social equity, and promote environmental sustainability. Moreover, we advocate for the integral role of architectural expertise in optimizing the quality of life, place, and endeavor for all of humanity. Architects are uniquely responsible for creating spaces and places that uplift the human spirit, foster community, and inspire innovation. Through our teaching, research, and service, we will demonstrate the transformative power of architecture to address the most pressing challenges of our time.

The Department nurtures progressive design thinkers and advances their understanding of built environments at multiple scales. Our curriculum enables our undergraduate and graduate degree program students to graduate as socially and ethically responsible architects capable of challenging today's prevailing norms. Our Department's strengths are considerable. We boast exceptional faculty expertise in critical areas such as sustainable design, digital design and fabrication, history, technology, health facilities, heritage preservation, energy, and theory. Our robust study abroad programs in Florence and Barcelona, coupled with solid employer demand for current students and graduates and growing resources, position the Department for success.

This academic year has been very productive for the Department of Architecture and its faculty. The Master of Architecture received a full, 8-year accreditation. The Department of Architecture saw its undergraduate applications increase from 400 to 1,400. In addition to teaching, the Department is developing STEM designation for our BS in Architecture (undergraduate) and MS Architecture (graduate) in-situ and online programs with concentrations in Design for Health, Interiors, Energy, and Product Design. The Interiors Summit held in March 2022 provided a foundation for our program to "Jump the Curve" in Interiors and Strategy precisely aligned with its proposed STEM designation, CIDA accreditation, and undergraduate Interior Design degree offerings, all validated at the 2023 IDEC conference.

Many changes are in process, including the Interiors working group that is now developing a curriculum based on this data, while the BS in Design Studies working group is crafting a curriculum for the multiplicity of career paths found inside most architecture offices. The Bachelor of Architecture working group continues to develop its NAAB Accredited 5-year program. Together, these curricular initiatives are helping to position us for near-term and long-term success. As these new degrees are approved, the Department will be able to sustainably grow its enrollment and generate additional revenue and faculty lines.

In the Fall of 2023, the Department of Architecture upgraded its facilities with new desks, lockers, chairs, pinup surfaces, large format screens, and a dedicated gallery used to showcase design studio projects at every year level. The design studios continue to be a platform for engaged studio projects. Last year, the ARCH405 studio proposed design schemes for the Aplin Center, a Visitor's Center on the Texas A&M University-Main Campus, and a Visitor's Center for the Air Force Academy. Faculty and students in ARCH305 and ARCH406 and Graduate Students developed schemes for the Juneteenth Museum in Galveston, Buffalo Gap, and the ULI Competition. The 2023 Solar Decathlon Build competition team received the Director's Award and finished 11th among 197 global teams. The 2023 Solar Decathlon Design competition team finished in the top five teams in the Multi-family Housing Category. Working with Multidisciplinary Engineering - Architectural Engineering received designation for the Department of Energy's Zero Energy Design Designation (ZEDD) Program. The artifacts created for these projects are part of the end-of-year show (EOYS) and an integrated publication that demonstrates the Department's forward-moving curriculum and its national and international brand identity.

The Department continues to leverage synergies with former students to position our students in firms, develop opportunities beyond campus (Rural Outpost-Buffalo Gap and Urban Lab-Dallas/Fort Worth), and increase our program's internationalization efforts (Texas 8 ItalArch Analisi – which selects the top students from each of the eight (8) Texas-based architecture departments bringing together bright minds in the exercise of bold solutions. The Department advanced the first Integrated Pathway to Architectural Licensure (iPAL) in Texas. The iPAL program currently has 75 students, with an initial cohort of students taking and passing the ARE examination. The Department continued the expansion of the existing AIAS + Department of Architecture Career Fair from a spring semester-only career fair of 45 firms to offering both fall and spring semester events and attracting nearly 100 firms across Texas and the United States. The Department continues pursuing strategic initiatives that elevate our global profile and impact while expanding the multidisciplinary nature; our Department's size, depth, and research areas accelerate our potential. We are spearheading a consortium of international universities capable of helping our Department cultivate and promote our specialty areas, expand engagement, develop cutting-edge technology, and establish ourselves as a model for innovative, high-quality architectural design pedagogy. Through our research centers - CRS

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Center, Center for Heritage Conservation, and Center for Health System and Design – we are forging partnerships centered on health innovation and aligning our curriculum with leading global practices.

The Department is expanding and diversifying its research enterprise and the impact of its centers by pursuing projects to help sustainably and financially support our existing labs and centers (CHC, CRS, and CSHD) and propose new research-focused labs through proof-ofconcept design research that connects faculty to professional, academic, research, and federal and other external funding opportunities. Faculty have also aligned their research through an MOU and MOA with the TAMUS and Texas Forestry Service to advance research in this area. The Department will produce innovative housing solutions for the Softwood Lumber Industry this summer. In the last year, our faculty received five honors/awards, delivered 65 national/ international presentations, authored two books, authored 76 national/international peerreviewed publications, participated in \$5.9 million of funded research grants/projects, and positioned their creative scholarship and work in 12 national/international exhibitions. The 2023 CRS Center Rowlett Lecture included scholars and practitioners from Smith+Gill, DLR Group, and Kieran Timberlake, with a panel discussion led by Lake | Flato and attracted 300 attendees. The CRS Center is using its content to form the basis of a series of CRS Center publications - the Rowlett Retrospective, Synthesis, and When Futures Collide, all to be published by its 45th Anniversary in 2025. The 2024 event will include practitioners from HKS, Inc., Moment Factory, Dimensional Innovations, and Walter P. Moore. In collaboration with the Director of the CHC, the 2023 CHC Symposium "Saving Social Spaces" (75 paid registrations) and the 2024 "Cultural Heritage in the Age of Resilience" (86 paid registrations) generated a combined revenue of \$15,000 (\$11,000 in sponsorships and \$4,000 in registrations). An initial gift of \$10,000 by Dr. David and Valerie Woodcock will start an endowment to cover the costs of delivering the annual symposium.

The collaboration with the A+AIC has already produced results that have exceeded all expectations. Our goals are ambitious, but the exciting momentum we have created together will secure our vision to ensure success. Our individual conversations and collective dialogue will continue to elevate our faculty's teaching, research, scholarship, and engagement to strengthen our graduate programs and enhance the undergraduate experience. Refining and reinforcing our already strong community and metropolitan connections will amplify our impact. We will fulfill our commitment to serving Texas, the nation, and the world by attaining parity with top public universities to calibrate our resources with the exceptional quality for which Aggies are so admired. We are grateful for the support of the A+AIC, and we cannot wait to see what's next.

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Gregory A. Luhan, PhD, FAIA
Department Head and Ward V. Wells Endowed
Professor of Architecture
A+IAC Executive Director



Dear A+IAC Members,

On behalf of the Board, I am pleased to submit our inaugural Annual Report for the Architecture+Industry Advisory Council. This report aligns with the 2023-2024 academic year. It outlines the achievements and milestones accomplished by the Executive Board (represented by the past president, president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary) and the nine different Committee Chairs. The Council's nine committees are organized into three distinct categories - the Operations Committee, representing A+IAC membership & recruitment, development & outreach, and budget & finance committees; the Programs Committee - representing the undergraduate and graduate non-professional, professional, and research degrees; and the Centers Committee - representing the CRS Center, the Center for Health Systems and Design (CHSD), and the Center for Heritage Conservation (CHC).

The Council's first year of existence on operational procedures, including governance and refinement of procedures, but also included an emphasis on student engagement and industry involvement, departmental interaction, and financial support. The year began at our Spring 2023 meeting with the election of an entirely new leadership team. Over the following twelve months, the Executive Board, Committee Chairs, Executive Director, and Director of Industry Engagement worked to further the Council's mission by sponsoring the Fall & Spring career fairs, conducting town hall meetings in both Dallas and Houston, supporting various department and/or Center oriented events, and raising monies to fund different student organizations and scholarship programs, potentially including the inaugural Texas8 ItalArch Analisi study abroad program. In our effort to provide clear transparency and accountability, included in this year's annual report is a letter from the Department Head - Dr. Gregory Luhan, FAIA, outlining the "State of the Department," a summary of current and upcoming curriculum changes impacting the Department of Architecture, a complete membership list identifying the different leadership and committee chair positions, a review of the Council's operations and accomplishments for the past year, and a financial statement for the Council's revenues, expenses, and funding.

Please review the attached annual report in detail and join the Council in making positive impacts on the Department of Architecture at Texas A&M University, both now and in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Roselius, AIA, NCARB CEO/Partner, Heights Venture Architects 2023 President

2024 Past President





2023-2024 Budget & Financial Summary

Presented by
Jenna Higginbotham
Senior Associate at Looney and Associates
A+IAC Treasurer

A+IAC Events/Promotion	Revenue	Expenses	Total	
2023 Fall A+IAC Meeting (Nov)		\$2,728.53	\$(2,728.53)	
2023 Fall A+IAC Tailgate (Nov)	\$6,011.75	\$6,011.75		Department Paid for Event
2023 DFW Townhall (Oct)	\$3,250.00	\$2,175.17	\$1,074.83	
2023 Houston Townhall (Feb)	\$1,500.00	\$943.18	\$556.82	
Promotional Expenses		\$632.74	\$(632.74)	
		Balance	\$(1 729 62)	

Membership Summary		Amount
Platinum Memberships		\$25,000.00
Gold Memberships		\$17,500.00
Silver Memberships		\$11,000.00
Bronze Memberships		\$10,000.00
Student Memberships		\$300.00
	Total	\$63.800.00

A+IAC Financial Accounts

A+IAC Events Account (Working Account)

A+IAC Career Fair Account (Flywire Payment)

TAMU Foundation Account (Membership Dues)

Total Revenue Total Expenses		Balance
\$74,561.75	\$12,491.37	\$62,070.38
A+IAC Department of Architec	ture Endowment (80%)	\$49,656.30
A+IAC Operating Budget (20%)		\$12,414.08

2023 - 2024 Career Fairs	Revenue	Expenses	Total
2023 Fall Career Fair (Sept) 2024 Spring Career Fair (Feb)	\$11,875.00 \$34,500.00	\$7,413.21 \$33.878.03	\$4,461.79 \$621.97
2024 Spring Career Fair (Feb)	\$34,300.00 	-	\$5.083.76

Career Fair Budget Summary

2023 Fall Career Fair

VENDOR	REVENUE	EXPENSES	PURPOSE	DATE
Registration	\$6,375.00		Registration Dues	9/15/2023
Sponsorship	\$5,500.00		Sponsorships	9/15/2023
AIAS Compensation		\$5,000.00		9/16/2023
Sam's Club		\$166.77	Drinks & Service Items	9/15/2023
НЕВ		\$471.43	Mixer Charcuterie Board	9/15/2023
Crumbl cookies		\$301.87	Mixer Dessert	9/15/2023
1541 Cafe		\$598.00	Pastries & Coffee	9/15/2023
Blue Baker		\$875.14	Lunch	9/15/2023
	\$11,875.00	\$7,413.21	Total	\$4,461.79

2024 Spring Career Fair

VENDOR	REVENUE	EXPENSES	PURPOSE	DATE
Registration	\$28,150.00		Registration Dues	2/16/2024
Sponsorships	\$6,350.00		Sponsorships	2/16/2024
AIAS Compensation		\$5,000.00		2/17/2024
Levy Restaurants - Kyle Field		\$9,260.67	Catering	2/16/2024
Texas A&M Athletics Special Events		\$18,801.00	Event Rentals	2/16/2024
Office Depot		\$81.98	Supplies - Name Tags	2/16/2024
IT - Architecture Print Services		\$547.00	Printing Services	2/16/2024
Crubml cookies		\$143.70	Cookies	2/16/2024
HEB		\$43.68	Napkins, Plates, Cups, Ice	2/16/2024
	\$34,500.00	\$33,878.03	Tota	l \$621.97

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Events Budget Summary (July '23 – July '24)

A+IAC Annual Events

Fall Townhall

Spring Townhall

Fall A+IAC Meeting

Spring A+IAC Meeting

A+IAC Tailgate

Student Organizations

AIAS

Tau Sigma Delta

ARCH Fall Events

Department Lecture Series (5 events)

Fall Career Fair (September)

SOA Showcase (October)

TxA Houston Event (October)

HCD Event (New Orleans November)

A+IAC Fall Meeting

A+IAC Fall Townhall

A+IAC Fall Tailgate

Final Design Reviews (November)

Final Design Reviews (December)

Graduation (Fall 2023)

ARCH Spring Events

Department Lecture Series (5 events)

Spring Career Fair (February)

Harold Adams Interdiscipinary Design

Charrette

CHC Annual Symposium (February)

A+IAC Spring Townhall

Final Design Reviews (April)

Final Design Reviews (April)

A+IAC Spring Meeting

ARCH Scholarship Banquet

Celebration of Excellence (Spring 2024)

Graduation (Spring 2024)

AIA Conference on Architecture

Texas 8 Italy Architecture Program

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	EVENT	VENDOR	REVENUE	EXPENSES	PURPOSE	DATE	PER EV	ENT TOTAL
	2023 DFW Townhall							
		Westwood	\$1,000.00		Sponsorship	10/19/2023		
		LA Fuess	\$1,000.00		Sponsorship	10/19/2023		
		Transco	\$750.00		Sponsorship	10/19/2023		
		Walter P. Moore	\$500.00		Sponsorship	10/19/2023		
		Total Wine		\$442.67	Alcohol for event	10/19/2023		
		Whip It Good Cookies		\$318.75	Cookies	10/19/2023		
		Jay The Bartender		\$300.00	Bartending Services	10/19/2023		
		Bite Bistro		\$1,113.75	Charcuterie Boxes	10/19/2023		
			\$3,250.00	\$2,175.17			Total:	\$1,074.83
	2023 Fall A+AIC Meeting							
		1541 Cafe		\$352.00	Breakfast	11/10/2023		
		Jason's Deli		\$176.34	Breakfast	11/10/2023		
		Stella		\$1,367.35	Lunch	11/10/2023		
		Integ		\$832.84	Pocket Folders	11/10/2023		
			\$-	\$2,728.53			Total:	\$(2,728.53)
	2023 Fall A+IAC Tailgate (F	Funded by Dept. of Arch)						
		Department of Architecture	\$6,011.75		Paid by Dept. of Arch			
		Revel XP		\$3,450.00	Tailgate Tent & Media	11/11/2023		
		CC Creations		\$286.61	Tablecloth	11/11/2023		
		Revel XP		\$2,215.14	Catering	11/11/2023		
		LaGabriella		\$60.00	Coffee	11/11/2023		
			\$6,011.75	\$6,011.75			Total:	\$0
	2024 Houston Townhall							
		Sponsorship	\$1,500.00		Sponsorships			
		Whip It Good Cookies		\$318.75	Cookies			
		HEB		\$316.30	Supplies			
		Total Wine		\$299.17	Alcohol			
		Hobby Lobby		\$8.96	Supplies			
			\$1,500.00	\$943.18			Total	\$556.82
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Career Fair | PARTICIPANT FIGURES

Career Fair Updates

By Donna Coussons

Historically, the University's AIA student organization AIAS



has planned, coordinated, and executed all Department of Architecture's annual career fair (Spring semester). Spring 2023 Career Fair was the first career fair with A+IAC involvement. Firm participation went from 44 firms in Spring 2022 to 68 firms in Spring 2023 – the largest career fair in the Department's history.

We would love to keep career fairs in our beloved Langford A building, however we have outgrown the space Langford has available. Pber the Fire Marshall, Langford A can safely house only 40 booths distributed amongst the first and second floor.

Based on student requests, as well as feedback from our participating career fair firms – we added a Fall 2023 career fair. This was the first Fall career fair in over 17 years. It was a great success, students that were out of the country for their study abroad requirements Spring 23 were able to attend and students leaving for their study abroad Spring 24 were able to attend a prepare for their return. Going forward, many firms decided to only attend the Fall career fair.

We listened to those of you who miss Langford A. We decided to bring the student/firm mixers to Langford A and implemented student guided tours by AIAS volunteers of the 4th floor. The new Gallery Walk on the 4th floor displays the current best of the best student work and is changed throughout the semester so that everyone can see the progression of work. It's been a great experience for all of our participants.

A new student check-in feature was added to Spring 24 career fair that allowed us to capture important data for our participating firms.

We look forward to continued career fair growth.

SPRING 2023 | +24 FIRMS COMPARED TO 2022

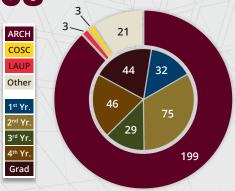
PARTICIPATING
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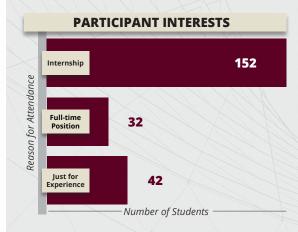
FALL 2023 | FIRST FALL CAREER FAIR IN 17+ YRS.

27 PARTICIPATING FIRMS

SPRING 2024 STUDENT CHECK-IN ADDED TOTAL STUDENT: 226
PARTICIPANTS: 226







Events Summary



Fall 2023:

September 14, 2023 - Fall Career Fair Student / Firm Mixer

An opportunity for firms participating in the Fall Career Fair to meet students and engage in a student-guided tour of the Department of Architecture's gallery of student work. The Department updates the gallery walk at the end of every semester to showcase current student work.

September 15, 2023 – Department of Architecture Fall Career Fair The Department of Architecture, A+IAC, and AIAS hosted the first Fall Career Fair in approximately 17 years in Langford A. Twenty-seven (27) firms attended the event, which provided an excellent opportunity for students to make connections before they leave for their Spring 2024 study away requirement.

October 19, 2023 - A+IAC Fall Town Hall - DFW

The HKS Dallas Office generously hosted the event, and over 50 registered attendees listened to Dr. Gregory Luhan, FAIA deliver the State of the Department Address and inform our guests on how they can get involved in the A+IAC.

November 2, 2023 - TxA Aggie Reception (Fort Worth)

The TxA reception allowed Former Students attending the Texas Society of Architects Annual Conference and Design Expo to meet the Department of Architecture leadership, find out what is going on with the Department, and learn more about the A+IAC and how they can get involved in membership.

November 6, 2023 – HCD Aggie Reception (New Orleans)

The Healthcare Design Conference (HCD) reception allowed Former Students attending the HCD Conference in New Orleans to meet the Department of Architecture leadership, find out what is going on with the Department, and learn more about the A+IAC and how they can get involved in membership.





November 10, 2023 - A+IAC Fall Meeting

The annual Fall A+IAC Membership Meeting provided a platform for the Department of Architecture to provide updates with current and prospective A+IAC members and time to coordinate committee efforts.

November 11, 2023 - Department of Architecture Tailgate

Aligned with the Fall A+IAC Membership Meeting, the Department of Architecture Tailgate provided A+IAC members time to enjoy Aggie Park and football while meeting current and Former Students and faculty.

Spring 2024:

February 2 - 4, 2024 - Harold L. Adams Interdisciplinary Design Charrette for Undergraduates

Students from all Texas A&M University School of Architecture departments and the School of Performance, Visualization, and Fine Arts participated in a multi-day design competition to creatively develop a collaborative space design for the Langford Architectural Complex.

February 15, 2024 – Spring Career Fair Student / Firm Mixer

Firm Mixer to meet students and engage in a student-guided tour of the Department of Architecture's gallery of student work. The Department updates the gallery walk at the end of every semester to showcase current student work.

February 16, 2024 – Department of Architecture Spring Career Fair The Department of Architecture, A+IAC, and AIAS hosted its annual Spring Career in the Kyle Field

The Department of Architecture, A+IAC, and AIAS hosted its annual Spring Career Fair Student/ April 8, 2024 – ARCH in the Park A day-long interdisciplinary event for all School of Architecture students focused on the new Aggie Park. The Aggie Park project team offered a brief presentation and overview of the project, followed by a panel discussion that included OJB Landscape Architecture, Lake Flato Architects, - Hall of Champions, where sixty-seven (67) firms registering and 226 students participating. Tellespen Builders, Shelley and Jeff Potter-Potter Architects, and Telios MEP. After the panel discussion, attendees could take a guided tour of Aggie Park and redeem a free lunch ticket at one of the participating food trucks present. As a bonus, participating students enjoyed the Harold L. Adams Charettes eclipse with their TAMU School of Architecture branded eclipse glasses.

February 23, 2024 - Center for Heritage Conservation (CHC) Symposium

The annual event attracts a national and international audience, renowned keynote speakers, faculty, students, industry professionals, and heritage preservation leaders from around and beyond Texas to discuss ways to promote awareness of cultural heritage by reconnecting its tangible and intangible components, using place-related and community-based methods to promote an integrated, inclusive, and sustainable approach to cultural heritage, building knowledge, and supporting research for managing change and continuity in a co-evolutive way.

February 29, 2024 – A+IAC Spring Town Hall – Houston

Kirksey Architecture's Houston Office generously hosted the event with over 43 registered attendees. It was a wonderful evening, with Dr. Gregory Luhan giving a State of the Department update and informing our guests of how they can get involved in the A+IAC.

March 22, 2024 – Texas Masonry Workshop

Generously sponsored by multiple organizations, the Texas Masonry Council brought together top minds in masonry for a two-day Masonry Design Summit. Design professionals earned hours of masonry-focused Continuing Education credits while actively engaging with students and faculty in the Department of Architecture.

March 22 & 23, 2024 – 74 in 24, 50 Years in Reflection

During this multi-day event, Former Students from the Environmental Design Class of 1974 shared their 50 years of professional experience with the Class of 2024 during student studios, a panel discussion, and a reception for former and current students and faculty.





April 15, 2024 – Rowlett Lecture
The event, hosted by the CRS Center at the
MSC's Bethancourt Ballroom, featured speakers
from HKS, Moment Factory, Dimensional
Innovations, and Walter P. Moore, who shared
exemplary work related to the delivery and
operation of the built environment as impacted
by artificial intelligence, digital fabrication, and
immersive design.

April 26, 2024 – A+IAC Spring Meeting

The annual Spring A+IAC Membership Meeting provides a platform for the Department of Architecture to provide updates with current and prospective A+IAC members and time to coordinate committee efforts.

April 26, 2024 – Department of Architecture Scholarship Banquet Provided an opportunity for donors, faculty, and staff to celebrate student excellence while showing support for continued student success.

May 8, 2024 – Celebration of Excellence

The Annual Celebration of Excellence recognizes Master of Architecture students who deliver a 3-minute thesis-style presentation articulating their research question, design development and iteration process, and the summary of their final study project findings. Each year, the Department invites a panel of distinguished jurors from across the United States to review and adjudicate the books digitally before the event and physically on the morning of the event. Following the 3-minute student presentations, the jurors convene to discuss the projects in more detail and select the Celebration of Excellence Awards that recognize the top five projects, including the Best Overall Project.

Summer 2024:

July 2024 - Texas 8 ItalARCH Analisi Study Abroad Program

The Texas 8 ItalARCH Analisi prize is a two-week intensive design charrette that examines and considers the dialog between the contemporary and the historical with Italy's rich cultural context and architectural tradition. Its purpose is to gather high-level student representation from all eight (8) professional architecture programs in Texas to collaborate on architectural analysis, problem-solving, and design.









A PODCAST BY TEXAS A&M SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

The first episode of a new video and audio podcast, "FutureBuilt," features conversations with leadership and experts at the Texas A&M School of Architecture, and it was released on all streaming platforms. The podcast covers the school's long- and short-term vision and its three unique departments: architecture, construction science, landscape architecture, and urban planning. In addition to talks on how the school helps shape communities and industry through research, outreach, and development, episodes also outline how current and future students can take advantage of opportunities and succeed there and beyond.

"We're telling the story of the School of Architecture – who we are, where we're going, and why we are so passionate about what we do," said Interim Dean Dr. Patrick Suermann. "The school podcast is for future students, former students, our academic colleagues, industry professionals, and more. Listen in and get inspired to be a part of building our future."

New episodes released every other week during the Fall 2023 semester.

The first season's guests included:

- Dr. Patrick Suermann, interim dean
- Dr. Greg Luhan, architecture department head
- Dr. Phil Lewis, construction science department head
- Dr. Galen Newman, landscape architecture and urban planning department head
- Shelley Holliday, dean of students
- Donna Coussons, industry relations coordinator
- Hernan Guerra-Santos, construction science industry relations coordinator
- Dr. Shannon VanZandt, former dean of research
- Jaimie Hicks Masterson, Texas Target Communities Director
- Meredith Brown, director of development Episodes can be found at tx.ag/futurebuilt or on by searching "FutureBuilt" on any streaming platform.











Howdy to all current A+IAC members and a warm welcome to future A+IAC members! First, let's offer a heartfelt thank you to Scott Roselius for taking on the monumental role as President and Ron Skaggs as President ex-officio in the inaugural year of the Architecture + Industry Advisory Council. Their guidance and leadership have led us to where we are today.

Let us now look forward together into 2024 and beyond.

The collective and expressed mission of the A+IAC is to "foster and expand relationships, support students and faculty, and advocate for and promote the Texas A&M University Department of Architecture to inspire responsive excellence globally through active integration of the profession of architecture, industry, and academia."

Beyond that, my personal desire is to elevate the Texas A&M University Department of Architecture and transform it into nothing less than the best and brightest architecture program available in the United States. Some might say that is an unrealistic expectation. They could well be right! The sky is the limit.

Many of our members are leaders in the professional practice of architecture. So too many of us are leaders outside of architectural practice yet closely related fields in owner development, consultant services, and even business and marketing. We have a unique opportunity to harness our collective and multi-disciplinary knowledge to provide meaningful guidance and direction to shape the practice of architecture.

How can we achieve this? As a matter of fact, that's for each of us to decide!

Consider that a call to action for the Department, a call to engage our current members and a call to inspire our future members. Let us take stock of who and what we are and look forward to what we as an industry advisory council can become working alongside the Department of Architecture.

I would slightly amend my previous statement, however. The sky is NOT the limit. There are no limits as we look forward to 2024 and beyond.

So let's get to and Gig 'em!

Luke A Scott, RA, RID, NCARB 2024 A+IAC President, 2023 A+IAC Vice President,

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2023-2024 Memberships

Jason Beal	HKS, Inc.
Charles Culp	John Major / Page
Luke Scott	Tony Lee Topping
Carrie Zaboroski	Ward Wells
George Mann	David Crawley
Erin Machac	David Sterne/Acme Brick. co.
Sandra Paret	Katie Hitt
Vergel Gay	BRW Architects/Craig S. Reynolds
Eric Herron	Clint Menefee / SmithGroup
Robert Holton	Stephen Lucy / JQ Engineering2023
Michael Alost / KDC Platform	Kevin Rice
Ron Skaggs	Dr. Craig Kyle Anz
Debra Dockery	Jenna Higginbotham
Deborah Lee Fulwiler	Sydney Morgan Rosenberg
Arcosa, Inc. / Don Vernon	Meredith Brown
Don Vernon	Alexis McKinney
Mark Kilkenny	Chris Gossnicklaus
Scott Roselius	Irma Ortega Reiner
Lauri Goodman Lampson	Tony Topping / Texas Masonry Council
Dr. Elton Abbott	Jenna Laird / Kirksey Architecture
John Richard Pearcy	Jim DeLapp / J.A. DeLapp & Assoc.
David Baker	Mallory Perez
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