



ARCHITECTURE+INDUSTRY ADVISORY COUNCIL

'24- '25 Annual Report

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Department of Architecture
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Howdy, A+IAC members and fellow Aggies,

Welcome to the 2024–2025 Annual Report of the Architecture + Industry Advisory Council (A+IAC) at the Department of Architecture.

Since our Spring 2024 meeting, the A+IAC, its leadership team, and the Department have been working tirelessly to build transformative partnerships, secure impactful endowments, and extend our influence to communities far and wide. Together, we are shaping a bold future for architectural education, research, and practice.

The A+IAC mission and vision are clear and unwavering: to assist the Department of Architecture in becoming a global center of design excellence that transforms the built environment through visionary design, cutting-edge research, and socially responsible leadership. At the heart of our work lies an unshakable commitment to academic rigor, innovation, and service—ensuring that Texas A&M continues to lead the way in redefining the future of architecture. We welcome Jenn Landers as the Director of Industry Engagement to our team to help expand our industry networks and foster a community of supporters.

The A+IAC's individual and firm membership continues to grow, reflecting the increasing relevance of our work and the power of our shared vision. This partnership between academia and industry is more than collaboration—it's a driving force behind curricular innovation, research excellence, and student success. By bridging theory and practice, we equip our graduates not only to meet the demands of the profession—but to shape it.

We believe that architecture possesses a unique ability to enhance lives, promote equity, and address urgent global challenges. Through our teaching, scholarship, and service, we advocate for a profession that inspires communities, drives innovation, and champions sustainability, positioning our students, faculty, and alumni as agents of change—creative leaders dedicated to designing a better world.

Our department nurtures forward-thinking designers who challenge convention and lead with purpose. With exceptional faculty expertise across areas like sustainable design, digital fabrication, history and theory, preservation, energy, and health, we are setting new standards in architectural education. Our signature study abroad programs in Florence and Barcelona, growing employer demand, and strong alumni engagement are expanding our global footprint and unlocking new opportunities for students, such as the Texas 8 ItalArch program, which selects the top two students from each of the eight Texas-based architecture departments, bringing together bright minds to explore bold solutions in Italy.

This year has been one of tremendous progress and visibility. We advanced our international profile through thought leadership with the Design Futures Council, hosted the Texas Society of Architects' Executive Board, and launched high-impact collaborations with partners such as the Texas Masonry Council and ACME Brick. These partnerships led to Texas A&M hosting the inaugural Texas Masonry Summit on Design—a powerful testament to our expanding influence. Our rise in national rankings reflects the strength of our strategic vision and collective effort. In just five years, we've climbed from #54 to #13 (Niche.com) and now stand as the #3 architecture program in the nation (CollegeFactual.com), surpassing all of our peer institutions – top-tier public and private institutions alike. Our faculty are listed among North America's top scholars, and our outreach efforts, including a new publication Impacts and a marketing campaign through Dezeen, have expanded our reach by over 2,500%.

We continue to invest in strategic initiatives that elevate our global engagement and interdisciplinary strengths. With our existing degree programs, growing enrollment, and curricular innovation—including our recent full-term NAAB-accredited degree and updates to our Master of Architecture program—we are building a sustainable foundation for future growth and specialization. Applications to our undergraduate programs tripled from 400 to 1400, and graduate programs doubled from 105 to 250. We are actively developing STEM designations with the assistance of the A+IAC to unlock new pathways for student success in areas such as health, heritage, computation, energy, interiors, and product design.

Our design studios continue to address real-world challenges with bold, human-centered solutions. From the POW/MIA Memorial in collaboration with the Commandant's Office to health initiatives in Rwanda, supported by the Rwanda Children's Education Foundation (RCEF), featuring workshops led by Carlos Arroyo (Spain) and MASS Design (Boston), to community-engaged efforts such as the Fort Stockton Project with the Fort Stockton Economic Development Corporation, and the Joppa Farms project with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, our students are learning to design with impact. These projects, celebrated in our End-of-Year Show and publications, reflect the forward-thinking spirit of our Department and further demonstrate our progressive curriculum and its national and international brand identity.

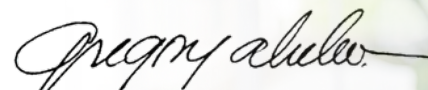
We are proud to lead Texas's first Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure (iPAL), with 85 students now on the path to licensure—double our initial projections. This year, we celebrate a historic milestone: Emma Johnson, the first student in the State of Texas to simultaneously complete the education, experience, and examination requirements for architecture licensure through the iPAL while earning her degree. We are building momentum with the next iPAL students on the horizon, poised to achieve those same goals next year. Our fall 2024 and spring 2025 Career Fairs continue to attract over 110 firms nationwide, reinforcing our reputation as a talent pipeline.

Through our research centers—the CRS Center, the Center for Heritage Conservation (CHC), and the Center for Health Systems and Design (CHSD)—we are forging powerful new partnerships, advancing health innovation, and securing transformational research funding while aligning our curriculum with leading global practices. In addition to the centers, our faculty has received \$35 million in state-sponsored research, earned a \$5 million NSF award, and garnered 34 honors and awards. They delivered 72 national and international presentations, authored five books and 91 national and international peer-reviewed publications, and showcased their creative scholarship in 34 national and international exhibitions, earning over 30 national and international awards in the past year alone.

The partnership between the Department of Architecture and the A+IAC has never been stronger—or more essential. The progress we've made together is just the beginning. With your continued engagement, we will elevate teaching, research, and outreach to new heights while advancing our mission to serve the state of Texas, the nation, and the world. Signature events like the CRS Center's Rowlett "When Futures Collide" Lecture and the CHC's "FutureProof" Symposium are pushing critical dialogues forward, exploring the future of architecture in the age of AI, immersive environments, and digital fabrication. These events inform and inspire—bringing together professionals, scholars, and students in the shared pursuit of excellence. We are grateful for the support that the A+IAC provided to bring these events to fruition.

On behalf of the Department of Architecture, I thank you for your commitment, partnership, and passion for shaping the future of architecture. We look forward to what we will build together in the near future and throughout the next calendar year.

Gig 'em



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





Dear Architecture + Industry Advisory Council (A+IAC) Members,

The Executive Board and I are pleased to present our 2024-2025 Annual Report for the Architecture + Industry Advisory Council. 2025 marks the second year of our formal existence, and the Council continues to grow, strengthen, and further establish itself through time and experience.

Over the past year, the Executive Board—Ron Skaggs (Past President), Kevin Rice (Vice-President), Jennifer Higginbotham (Treasurer), Kindall Shannon (Secretary), Dr. Gregory Luhan (Executive Director), and I (President)—has worked to create a more effective Council and finalize the remaining agenda items from our first year.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all the Executive members and our committee chairs for their leadership of the Council over the past year. This includes the Operations Committee – headed by Jeff Potter (Development), Don Vernon (Membership), and Michael Alost (Budget & Finance); the Degree Programs Committee – chaired by Robert Holton; and the Research Initiatives – led by John Major and Erin Machac (Practice + Technology - CRS Center), Fernando Rodrigues and Brian Briscoe (Health - Center for Health Systems & Design), and Carrie Zaboroski (Heritage - Center for Heritage Conservation). All of whom were incredibly active this year and supported by a fantastic group of unnamed supporting individuals. I am grateful for their tireless volunteer efforts in furthering their specific areas of focus and enabling programmatic initiatives, including the wildly successful 43rd Annual Rowlett Lecture in April 2024, the HCD Design Exhibition in October 2024 in Indianapolis, and the 26th Annual CHC Symposium in February 2025 held here in the Langford Architecture Building.

As we celebrate our accomplishments from 2024 to 2025, I also look forward to 2025 to 2026 as I transition from President to Past President, offering the crucial advice and support to Kevin Rice (Diller Scofidio Renfro) that I received from Ron Skaggs (HKS) over the past two years. Our current members play a vital role in the future of the A+IAC. We need your help to spread awareness for recruiting members, securing event sponsors, enhancing our industry relations, and strengthening our former student network. Together, we can achieve even greater success.

As we conclude our second year, please join us in bringing together the profession, the industry, the Texas A&M University - Department of Architecture, and the students to help everyone achieve their fullest potential.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Roselius, AIA, NCARB
CEO/Partner, Heights Venture Architects
2023 President
2024 Past President



Fellow A+IAC Members,

As we enter the second half of our second year and my first as a member of the Executive Board, I am filled with optimism about the future of the Architecture + Industry Advisory Council (A+IAC). Collaborating with Scott and the rest of the Executive Board to shift our focus from identifying 'who' the A+IAC is to defining 'what' we do has been a rewarding experience. The transition from ideas to action is underway, and our progress is genuinely inspiring.

Looking ahead to the next academic year, I'm excited to delve deeper into the council's mission. Our commitment to supporting Dr. Luhan and the Department of Architecture, along with our role in helping students transition from school to the profession, forms the cornerstone of our council. This commitment has brought us here, and it's how we'll continue to demonstrate our value to the Texas A&M architectural community. I firmly believe that the A+IAC should lead the way in ensuring our graduates are not just ready to start their careers but also equipped with the skills, perspective, and support necessary to become leaders in their field. The design education offered by the Department empowers students to think critically and become design innovators, tackling the most challenging problems of the day and representing Texas A&M globally.

While Texas remains home to the largest group of former students from the Department, Aggie Architects can be found across the country and around the globe. As the A+IAC grows, there is an opportunity to connect with that broader network—Aggies, like me, whose professional and personal lives have taken them far from College Station but who still bleed maroon, will bring diverse insights into what a Texas A&M Architecture degree represents. I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your support and contributions to the A+IAC. Your dedication is what makes our mission possible.

Gig'em,

Kevin Rice, AIA
President, A+IAC
Principal, DS+R





2024-2025 Budget & Financial Summary

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



Industry Engagement |

A+IAC Events/Promotion	Revenue	Expenses
2024 Fall A+IAC Meeting (Nov)		\$2,700.00
2025 Spring A+IAC Meeting (April)		\$3,000
2024-2025 Austin Townhall	\$2,500.00	\$606.48
Promotional Expenses		\$00.00

Membership Summary	Amount
Platinum Memberships	\$10,000.00
Gold Memberships	\$5,000.00
Silver Memberships	\$5,000.00
Bronze Memberships	\$2,500.00
Student Memberships	--.00
Total	\$21,670.00

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
2023-24 Endowment Carryover (80%)			\$55,456.52
2023-24 A+IAC Operating Carryover (20%)			\$14,114.08
2024-25 A+IAC DoA Endowment (80%)			\$70,747.12
2024-25 A+IAC Operating Budget (20%)			\$17,686.78
2024-25 A+IAC DoA Endowment Transfer		\$62,000	
2025-26 A+IAC DoA Endowment Carryover			\$8,747.12
2025-26 A+IAC Operations Carryover			\$17,686.78

Endowment Earnings

Debra Dockery	\$25,000.00
Ronald and Sondra Skaggs	\$25,000.00
Jeff and Shelley Potter	\$25,000.00
Skipper Post	\$25,000.00
Jason and Julie Puchot	\$25,000.00
Endowment funding From '23-'24 A+IAC Membership	\$62,000.00
Total	\$21,670.00

2025-26 Estimated A+IAC Operating Expenses	Budget
2025-26 Starting Balance	\$17,686.78
ItalArch8	\$2,000.00
2025-26 Tailgate	\$6,500.00
2025-26 Fall Meeting	\$3,000.00
2025-26 Spring Meeting	\$3,000.00
Projected Expenses 2025-26	\$14,500.00
Projected Remaining Balance After Expenses	\$3,186.78

By Jennifer Landers, '02, '22

Howdy!
I am Jennifer Landers,
a proud Aggie and
your new Director of
Industry Engagement
in the Department of
Architecture at Texas
A&M University.



I am excited and thankful to be part of this amazing community of creative thinkers, makers, and leaders—individuals who have designed and constructed a lasting legacy that continues to influence the future of architecture.

In my role as Director, I have the privilege of serving the Architecture + Industry Advisory Council (A+IAC), which serves as an important bridge between our department, students, and the professional world. Your role as a former student, friend of the department, or A+IAC member is critical to this endeavor. Together, we will work to grow and strengthen council membership, deepen relationships across generations of Aggie Architects, and create opportunities for meaningful connections among our former students, current students, faculty/staff, and industry partners.

One of my top priorities is to build a sustainable and vibrant organization that honors our department's rich history while boldly looking to the future. Whether through mentorship, networking events, collaborative initiatives, or creating pipelines for student internships and employment, I am committed to ensuring that the Aggie architecture family remains strong, supportive, and engaged.

Your input and involvement are crucial to our success. I eagerly await the opportunity to connect with you—learning about your experiences, hearing your ideas, and discovering new ways to work together to elevate our department and empower the next generation of design leaders.

Your feedback is invaluable. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I would love to hear from you and collaborate to shape the future of our department.

Thanks & Gig 'em

CAREER FAIR SNAPSHOT

FALL 2024

TOTAL STUDENT PARTICIPANTS **279**

26 PARTICIPATING FIRMS

SPRING 2025

TOTAL STUDENT REGISTERED **549**

441 TOTAL STUDENT ATTENDED

63 PARTICIPATING FIRMS

(11 A+IAC MEMBER FIRMS)

SPONSORING FIRMS:

BRW ARCHITECTS
CORGAN
FITZPATRICK ARCHITECTS



2025 TXA Spring Meeting

Spring 2025 CHC Symposium

Events Overview

Fall 2024:

September 20, 2024

A+IAC + AIAS + ARCH Fall 2024 Career Fair Mixer – Harold/Janice Adams Presentation

September 21, 2024

A+IAC + AIAS + ARCH Fall 2024 Career Fair – Langford A /Atrium

October 3, 2024

TxA – Houston Aggie Reception (Vic & Anthony's Steakhouse, Houston)

October 7, 2024

Healthcare Design Conference – Indianapolis (Schmidt Associates)

October 24, 2024

A+IAC Austin Town Hall – Page/

November 14, 2024

A+IAC Fall Meeting Reception

November 15, 2024

A+IAC Fall Meeting

November 16, 2024

A+IAC/ARCH Tailgate – BTHO New Mexico

Spring 2025:

February 20, 2025

A+IAC + AIAS + ARCH Spring 2025 Career Fair Mixer

February 21, 2025

A+IAC + AIAS + ARCH Spring 2025 Career Fair – Kyle Field Hall of Champions

April 24, 2025

Tau Sigma Delta + A+IAC Mixer

April 25, 2025

A+IAC Spring Meeting

April 25, 2025

ARCH Spring Scholarship Award Banquet



Fall 2024 BTHO NM Tailgate



Fall 2024 Career Fair

Health Committee Report – 2024/2025

The Health Committee continues to focus on strategic engagement, program enhancement, and long-term planning to strengthen the Architecture for Health Program. This report outlines recent discussions and initiatives related to re-engagement strategies, planning of lecture series, goal-setting, and upcoming collaborative events.

1. Reengagement of Healthcare Firms

A key priority for 2025 is to reactivate relationships with former healthcare (HIAC) firms. A co-signed invitation letter has been sent to approximately twenty healthcare firms that do not have active membership in the A+IAC.

2. Architecture for Health Lecture Series

Dr. Roxana Jafari spearheads the ARCH4Health lecture series, which aligns with studio projects and supports the graduate certificate in health program. The Fall 2025 theme is still under development, with a preliminary focus on Emergency Departments and relevant subtopics. If necessary, Dr. Jafari will contact the Health Committee for speaker recommendations. The lecture series is a required component of the graduate certificate in health as well as the undergraduate minor in health. The committee discussed integrating this requirement into the BS-Arch and the proposed BArch curriculum or connecting it to the health-related studio to increase enrollment in the lecture and strategically link the speakers to the studio investigations. The department will also explore opportunities within the existing curriculum to promote student attendance and extend the impact of the lectures beyond PBS and online availability to include AIA CEUs for content presented in the lecture series, generating revenue that will help support the lecture series beyond departmental allocations. While the necessity for speaker honorariums and expense reimbursement was considered, current input suggests that additional support is not needed.

3. Annual Highlight Activity for CHSD

The Health Committee identified the Spring A+IAC meeting as an ideal recurring platform to showcase health-related research and the initiatives developed by the Department of Architecture – Center for Health Systems and Design (CHSD). Pairing this advocacy with the bi-annual A+IAC meetings could provide consistent visibility and engagement among the Health Committee, A+IAC, and CHSD. The Health Committee will compile a list of potential activities to help determine future events. Dr. Ray Pentecost is currently organizing a proposed summer workshop in Houston to discuss updates to the Society for Critical Care Medicine guidelines. Partnering organizations for the summer workshop include AMFP (Houston), AIA (Houston), and SCCM (Texas). The event will feature morning sessions, a lunch speaker, and afternoon ICU tours. The role of the A+IAC Health Committee is under consideration, with national communications possibly coordinated through AIA-AAH and AMFP. Dr. Pentecost will host a planning meeting to further define logistics, including the summer workshop's date, topic, and location.

4. Refining A+IAC Health Committee Mission and Goal

Based on recent survey responses, the committee reviewed and refined its mission and goals.

Mission:

The A+IAC Health Committee is dedicated to advancing the Architecture for Health Program by fostering impactful research, enhancing industry collaboration, and streamlining decision-making processes within the Department of Architecture. Our aim is to create an academic environment that supports students, faculty, and industry professionals in shaping the future of healthcare architecture through education, research, and engagement.

Goals include:

Strengthen the Architecture for Health Program Ensure robust industry engagement and collaboration. Provide organized industry input to the A+IAC and the Department. Reinforce the architecture for the Architecture for Health (ARCH4Health) Lecture Series.

Support Student Success and Growth

Increase emphasis on graduating students in the Health Certificate Program. Encourage student participation in research and professional opportunities. Promote innovation and excellence in health-related design studios.

Drive Research Impact

Support meaningful research initiatives and boost research funding.

Provide Leadership & Strategic Guidance

Act as a sounding board for the A+IAC, Department, and CHSD leadership. Provide specific recommendations to enhance program outcomes. Offer actionable recommendations for the A+IAC and the Department leadership.



Heritage Committee Report – 2024/2025

The A+IAC Heritage Committee experienced significant growth in active members, nearly doubling its membership from the previous year to eleven members. This expansion underscores the Committee's growing influence and significance in the field of heritage conservation. The Heritage Committee meets monthly to assess requirements and provide essential information and support to the Center for Heritage Conservation Director, Dr. Fabrizio Aimar. This fiscal year, our support focused primarily on three areas: Symposium, Publications, and Long-Range Planning.

The 2025 – 26 th Annual Historic Preservation Symposium, entitled “Futureproof – Evolving Heritage Conservation,” was a resounding success. It took place on February 21-22. It attracted 87 paid attendees from across Texas, along with students from five (5) Texas-based preservation programs, which is a testament to the Committee's ability to draw interest in the field. The Heritage Committee worked diligently to raise nearly \$10,000 in sponsorships to help cover symposium expenses, demonstrating our capacity to secure financial support. Between the industry sponsorships and registration fees, the CHC covered all symposium expenses. Speakers included representatives from state, national, and international heritage conservation communities, who presented research and assisted with event logistics. The Heritage Committee has discussed various relevant topics in preparation for the 2026 event and hopes to finalize the theme by summer 2025.

During this fiscal year, the CHC prepared two pivotal reports. For the CHC 5-Year Report, the Heritage Committee assisted by reviewing the document and posing relevant questions and comments to validate the report's materials and provide feedback to advance its research vision. Once complete, the Heritage Committee Chair approved the report. The second document published this year offers an overview of the CHC's history and accomplishments. The Heritage Committee secured financial support from one of our members to cover the initial printing costs. Entitled “CHC 2024” the publication provides insight into essential information about the CHC, including the 2030 Vision and Mission; bios of faculty fellows, industry fellows, and staff involved in ongoing CHC activities and research; descriptions of research and publications; listings of curricula and student organizations, Outstanding Alumni, Scholarships; and a chronological history of Symposium summaries. This publication is a crucial first step in enhancing the efforts of the A+IAC Heritage Committee, in collaboration with The Texas A&M Foundation, to garner support and legacy planning for our long-range goal of establishing a self-sustaining Center for Heritage Conservation.

The Center for Heritage Conservation's long-term planning involves a comprehensive review of all scholarships and professorships related to Heritage Conservation. In this review, we assessed the current status of fellowships and professorships, identified future needs, and prioritized categories to address the funding gap. Our initial priority will be to pursue funding for a Symposium Endowment that will provide the Center Director and the Heritage Committee with the necessary time to address the second priority of Scholarships and Professorships, supporting the Department and the CHC. Following this effort, securing funding to establish a Heritage Conservation Lab will be the third priority. The Heritage Committee envisions this as a ten-year plan with funds realized or pledged within that timeframe.

In the immediate future, the CHC Committee is committed to further growth and development. We intend to expand the Heritage Committee, collaborate with the Texas A&M Foundation liaison Evelyn Waiwaiole, the CHC Director Fabrizio Aimar, and the ARCH Department Head to establish critical fundraising goals, and prepare for the 2026 CHC Symposium. These plans demonstrate our proactive approach and commitment to the Heritage Committee's ongoing success.



A+IAC Practice + Technology Committee 2024-2025 Report

The A+IAC Practice + Technology Committee complements the CRS Center's mission by focusing on design, technology, practice, innovation, and information management. The Practice + Technology Committee bridges the academy and the profession, emphasizing technology and innovation across multiple scales of architectural practice. This committee works to identify existing and emerging industry trends and needs, then advises the Department of Architecture on initiatives that could better prepare students to enter the workforce and make an impact immediately upon graduation from all degree programs (Pre-professional, Professional, Research).

Over the last year, the Practice + Technology Committee developed four (4) primary focus areas – Industry Trends, Career Roadmaps, Technology Tools, and Design + Research.

Focus 1 > Industry Trends

- Identify practice trends to aid in creating curricular content that can be shared with faculty for inclusion and testing in the classroom and design studio.
- Identify the project types with the most significant measurable impact on communities.
- Identify industry disruptors like AI, sustainability, and government policy.
- Advise the department on emerging technologies and trends to guide curriculum decisions.

Focus 2 > Career Roadmaps

- Advocate for and support the Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure (iPAL)
- Give students clearer insight into career paths after graduation and the specific skills needed for those positions.
- Identify job roles and career specializations within the architecture field.
- Collaborate with firms and industry to catalog more than sixty (60) potential positions within architecture firms and non-traditional roles in the architecture industry ecosystem (graphic design, product sales, facility management, software development, etc.).

Focus 3 > Technology Tools

- Identify emerging technologies adopted by A+IAC and non-A+IAC firms, and recommend programs and software that could be integrated into the architecture curriculum or serve as resources for the department to help develop immersive tools.
- Develop learning modules that increase student and faculty proficiency in emerging Building Information Modeling (BIM) tools and workflows, rendering, simulation, Software development, additive manufacturing/3D printing, and AI/Predictive Analytics tools.

Focus 4 > Design and Research

- Identify and promote research opportunities that align with the CRS Center's mission and vision.
- Identify practice-based methods to reinforce valued "critical thinking skills" in the curriculum.
- Identify consultancy opportunities for specialized topics, structures, and MEP systems for integrated design within the curriculum.

The A+IAC Practice + Technology Committee will continue to collaborate with the CRS Center to identify speakers for the Rowlett Lecture in the fall 2025 and spring 2026 semesters and assist the CRS Center in reestablishing its pre-design focus area while developing new pathways for practice and academia-based innovation.



Academics | Degree Programs Committee Report – 2024/2025

The A+IAC Degree Programs Committee's primary purpose is to enhance the curriculum, ensuring that all degree programs offered by the Department of Architecture remain relevant and at the forefront of architectural education. To achieve this commitment, the Degree Programs Committee meets monthly with the program directors of the Pre-professional (BS-Arch), Professional (MArch), and Research (MS-Arch, PhD Arch) programs.

At the fall meeting, the department tasked the A+IAC membership with advocating for STEM designation across all degree plans, ensuring the highest cost per credit hour at the university while enhancing our programs' competitiveness against benchmark institutions. The Degree Programs Committee concentrated on three primary topics: proposed degree programs, firm/research partnerships, and study away/abroad opportunities. In April, the committee explored ways to position the Department of Architecture in the Rio Grande Valley and expand the College of Architecture's presence in McAllen, TX, on its 100-acre campus, where Construction Science (COSC) already operates a program.

Proposed Degree Plans

The Department of Architecture received permission from the Provost's office to create new STEM-designated degree programs for a BS in Interiors, a BS in Design Studies, and a NAAB-accredited five-year Bachelor of Architecture degree plan. The A+IAC and Degree Programs Committee can positively support these efforts with letters of support to the University.

Firm Research Partnerships

The A+IAC and the Degree Programs Committee suggested reaching out to Career Firms both within the Texas Society of Architects (TxA) and throughout the United States to develop new engagement opportunities between the academy and the profession by identifying firm-based practice research needs and fostering collaborative relationships with the degree programs in the Department of Architecture.

Study Away/Study Abroad

With the ARCH program expanding enrollment over the last five years, there is an increased need for A+IAC firms to hire A&M students for internships during their third year of study. Given the size limitations of the existing study abroad programs in Florence (Italy - 40 students/year) and Barcelona (Spain - 40 students/year), firms need to hire 50 to 60 students in both the fall and spring, or the Department of Architecture must create new study abroad initiatives. The A+IAC and the Degree Programs Committee visited the existing programs in Florence (Italy) and Barcelona (Spain), gaining invaluable insights. However, as

interest in studying abroad continues to rise, there is a growing need to support travel opportunities through scholarships. To expand its impact, the A+IAC also supported two ARCH students in participating in the inaugural June 2024 Texas8 – ItalArch program, which allows top students from the eight architecture programs in the State of Texas to collaborate on a real-world design project. Last year's successful ItalArch program, presented at the A+IAC November 2024 meeting, will once again provide opportunities for two Texas A&M students to travel to Siena in June 2025.

In the near future, the Degree Programs Committee will also meet with firms in the AIA Rio Grande Valley to discuss expanding two-year, four-year, and five-year degree programs at the **Texas A&M Higher Education Center – McAllen** by developing articulation agreements with Texas Southmost College and South Texas College (both two-year programs). These agreements will enable students to remain in the RGV to complete classes in McAllen and participate in internships in the valley and upon their return to campus, to fulfill requisite coursework (i.e., systems, structures, envelopes, materials + methods) through COSC and Interdisciplinary Engineering classes and offering an RGV-based design studio. There are clear cost implications for positioning the department there. Still, the A+IAC believes it is essential for Texas A&M and the Department of Architecture to be the first ARCH program in the region.





2024-2025 Memberships

Individual:

Dr. Elton Abbot
Michael Alost
Dr. Craig Kyle Anz
David Baker
Jason Beal
Andrew Clements
David Crawley
Matthew Crittenden
Charles Culp
Jim Delapp
Marquesa Figuera
Deborah Lee Fulwiler
Kyle Gage
Vergel Gay
Robert Harrison Gleason
Jon Michael Hale
Eric Herron
Jenna Higginbotham
Katie Hitt
Robert Holton
Mark Kilkenny
Jenna Laird
Lauri Goodman Lampson
Stephen Lucy
Erin Machac
John Major
George Mann
Alexis McKinney
Clint Menefee
Anna Teresa Mod
John Richard Pearcy
Stephanie D. Pedigo
Mallory Perez
Mike Record
Irma Ortega Reiner

Craig S. Reynolds
Kevin Rice
Scott Roselius
Sydney Morgan Rosenberg
Kindall Shannon
David Stern
Tony Topping
Craig Uptmor
Don Vernon
Ward Wells
David Woodcock
Carrie Zaboroski

Endowed Lifetime Members:

Debra Dockery
Julie and Jason Puchot
Raymond "Skipper" Post
Shelley and Jeff Potter
Sondra and Ron Skaggs

Corporate:

Acme Brick
Arcosa, Inc.
BRW Architects
Corgan
Page Southerland
PBK, Inc.
PGAL
HKS, Inc.
J.A. DeLapp & Associates
JQ Engineering
KDC Platform
Kirksey Architecture
PGAL
Smith Group
Texas Masonry Council

Membership + Firm Benefits



Engage + Connect

Connect directly with our current + former students to guide their journey.

Enhance Curriculum

Play a vital role in ensuring that our program remains at the forefront of architectural education.

Contribute Expertise

Shape the next generation of architects by sharing your professional insights + experiences.

Early Student Recruitment

Enable opportunities for early internship recruitment that grow your firm + position our iPAL students + graduates.

Access to A+IAC Members

Contribute to the evolution of architectural education by actively participating in A+IAC Committees and Bi-annual Meetings.

Scan to Apply or visit tx.ag/AIACapply



Membership Levels

CORPORATE INDIVIDUAL	Platinum \$5,000	INDIVIDUAL	Silver \$1,000	Emerging (For Recent Graduates) \$100
	Gold \$2,500		Bronze \$500	

Endowment + Sponsorship Opportunities

Endowment Commitment

Contribute to our program's enduring success, leaving a lasting legacy within the Texas A&M University - Department of Architecture.



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