Dear Members, we are off to a great start to 2018 and have a fantastic lineup of networking events and continuing education opportunities. We look forward to seeing you throughout the year!

Cheers,
Anne Dafchik

FROM THE EDITOR

2018 AIA Buffalo/WNY Scholarship
OPEN NOW | YADIRA DESANTIS, ASSOCIATE AIA

Applications for the annual AIA Buffalo/WNY Scholarship are now available. The scholarship is open to College/University students who meet academic requirements and are enrolled in a NAAB-accredited architecture program, or enrolled in a program that has received NAAB 'Candidacy' status.

Applicants must have graduated from a high-school within the AIA Buffalo/Western New York Chapter which is comprised of Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Orleans, Genesee, and Wyoming Counties and must have completed at least one year of course work in a B. Arch or M. Arch program.

The AIA Buffalo/WNY Chapter with the Buffalo Architecture Foundation will dispense up to $3,000 in scholarship funding for the 2018/2019 academic year. Amounts awarded will depend on quantity and quality of applicants. The AIA Buffalo/WNY Chapter Scholarship is partially funded by a grant from AIA National.

The deadline has been extended and submissions are now due March 21, 2018 by 5:00 PM EST. Please visit http://www.aiabuffalowny.org/scholarship for application details.

The chapter also sponsors the AIA Buffalo/WNY & UB School of Architecture Undergraduate Scholarship, which is administered by the chapter and the University at Buffalo's School of Architecture & Planning. AIA Buffalo/WNY awards $2,000 to a student in the school's undergraduate architecture program. This annual award is funded by the collection of Allied Membership dues and programming fees, from such events as the annual Design Awards and the Architecture 5K Run.

If you would like to support the AIA Buffalo/WNY Scholarship programs please contact Yadira DeSantis at info@AIABuffaloWNY.org for additional information.

DEADLINE EXTENDED!
March 21 2018
CALL FOR ENTRIES
2018 AIA BUFFALO/WNY SCHOLARSHIP
The Buffalo/WNY Chapter of the AIA extends a well-earned commendation of excellence to the winners of the chapter’s 2017 Service and Design Awards. Design awards were handed out in front of a packed house at the Annual Design Gala held at the Twentieth Century Club. Photo credits can be found on the awards website. The following projects received awards:

**Buffalo/WNY Architecture Award**

Rockefeller Arts Center, SUNY Fredonia
Fredonia, NY
ARCHITECT: Deborah Berke Partners

This 60,000-square-foot addition includes classrooms, sculpture and ceramics studios, performance spaces, and a variety of shops and other shared facilities. The building’s light-filled dance studios have floor to ceiling window walls, which turn the building into a beacon at night. Corridors are lined with tack-board surfaces, so they double as informal galleries.

**JURY COMMENT:** Such a substantial addition to a work by a master architect provides both great opportunity and great responsibility. This project has succeeded in both respects.

**Design Award**

Richardson Olmsted Campus Core Project
Buffalo, NY
ARCHITECT: Flynn Battaglia Architects, PC

80,000SF of the National Historic Landmark Richardson Olmsted Campus has been transformed into the Hotel Henry, an urban resort that celebrates the history and architecture of the monumental structure designed by H.H. Richardson.

**JURY COMMENT:** A breathtaking restoration and addition. The rehabilitation of the existing Richardson building would be an impressive feat in itself.

**Design Award**

Centre hospitalier de l’Université de Montréal (CHUM)
Montreal, Canada
ARCHITECT: CannonDesign

Occupying two and a half city blocks in the heart of downtown Montreal, the recently opened Centre hospitalier de l’Université de Montréal (CHUM) is one of the largest healthcare projects in North America.

**JURY COMMENT:** Projects of this scale are difficult to execute well. What sets this project apart is the playfulness visible just beyond the taught expression of glass and panel that constitute the first impression of the collection of buildings.

**Merit Award: Residential/Mixed-Use**

The Sinclair
Buffalo, NY
ARCHITECT: CJS Architects

The $16.8M revitalization of The Sinclair converted the six-story, 81,000sf building into a mixed-use development accommodating commercial spaces on the basement and first floors and a total of 45 apartments on the upper floors.

**Small Project Award**

Martin Group
Buffalo, NY
ARCHITECT: CannonDesign

[Image of a building with the text: Winter 2018 Newsletter]
The following individuals and organization were recognized for their service to the Profession and the local Chapter.

Young Architect Award
Stephanie Vito, AIA: Stephanie is deeply passionate about the complexities of the built environment and seeks to positively advance the future of society’s well-being through her healthcare-focused lens. Stephanie has built her career expertise in behavioral healthcare design, particularly using design excellence as a tool for lifting the lives of those in need of specialized care. Stephanie practices at the national level, and her dedication to forward-thinking solutions will ultimately propel her to become a visionary in the field.

Robert T. Coles Diversity Award
Edward O. Watts, Jr, AIA: Edward has continued the tradition set by his father is his commitment to increasing the diversity of our profession, well beyond his role as a leader of Watts Architecture and Engineering, a local headquarters MBE professional practice since 2011. He has demonstrated the same drive and caring leadership throughout his career as the name sake of this award, Mr. Robert T. Coles, and is a worthy recipient of this important award.

Allied Member of the Year
Sugarman Law Firm LLP: Sugarman Law Firm has been a longtime supporter of the Buffalo / WNY AIA chapter, having been a major donor for event sponsorship, in addition to providing Pro-Bono legal services to the Chapter.

Thank you to all those companies and individuals who submitted their work for inclusion in our Awards program. We hope to see more of your work for the 2018 edition! As always, thank you to our event sponsors.
PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS
CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS | DAVID ZIELINSKI, AIA

On Thursday February 1st, 2018 the University at Buffalo hosted AIA Buffalo/ WNY chapter for a tour of the newly opened Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Building located at 955 Main Street, Buffalo NY. The state-of-the-art medical school and integrated transit station serve as a new gateway to downtown and anchor to the vibrant Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. The event had more than 90 members and their guests registered.

On Thursday February 6th, 2018, Mule Hide Products sponsored a presentation on low sloped roofing at Big Ditch Brewing Co. With over 45 attendees, all had a great time, continuing conversations well into the evening. The AIA Buffalo/ WNY chapter looks forward to seeing more members at our upcoming events.

If you have any recommendations for future programming topics, please don’t hesitate contacting David Zielinski, programming Chair @ dzielinski@cannondesign.com
Who are Emerging Professionals?

The answer is surprising. Emerging Professionals (EPs) are Associates and Young Architects licensed 10 years or less.

It’s commonly thought that EPs are only the unlicensed in our profession, but really this segment of our professional community encompasses those in the first 20 years of their career.

While ARE prep is important to support our unlicensed colleagues, the AIA Buffalo/WNY Emerging Professionals Committee also strives to meet the professional goals of our area’s Young Architects. Join us for one of our social/ networking or professional development events. Such events include napkin sketch contests, happy hours, exclusive building tours and workshops.

Portfolio Workshop

On Monday, March 12, the Emerging Professionals Committee will host a workshop to review and critique in-progress portfolios. The UB School of Architecture and Planning will host the event at Hayes Hall, Room 401.

This workshop is an annual event led by the Emerging Professionals Committee offering students and young design professionals the opportunity to have their portfolios reviewed by area architects.

Napkin Sketch Contest Winner

There was a great turn out for the Emerging Professionals Committee’s Napkin Sketch on Thursday, February 22 at Mes Que. Fourteen (14) EPs ranging from recent college graduates to Young Architects turned out to sketch, doodle, socialize and network.

The theme for the night’s sketches was Buffalo Landmarks. At the end of the evening, our wonderful bartender PJ selected our contest winner – a sketch of the central terminal by Elizabeth Fuller. Elizabeth’s prize for the winning sketch was a gift certificate to Mes Que.

The Emerging Professionals Committee gives a special thanks to our fantastic hosts at Mes Que. Kelsey, Christiana and PJ went above and beyond to ensure the night was a success and enjoyable to all – including architecture themed cocktails created especially for our event! We highly recommend The Zaha Hadid next time you’re in North Buffalo.
This spring we are very busy rolling out a brief synopsis of AIA National’s, Diversity in the Profession of Architecture’s 2016 Executive Summary. We will present the synopsis to the leadership of our local firms in Western New York. The presentation takes about an hour of time and it is important to discuss the issues presented and obtain each firm’s feedback. We are targeting the top 35 firms identified by Business First in 2017. We hope you can make time for this important presentation! A link to the full Executive Summary is provided here.

AIA National is currently rolling out the new Diversity in the Profession of Architecture survey. The window to take the survey closes March 16th. Please make sure you take the time to complete your input. Look for the survey link in your next WNY AIA email.

If you have not heard about Implicit Bias or Unconscious Bias, the term refers to the attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner. It is important that we understand our own implicit biases so that we can create an equitable and inclusionary practice. The Harvard Implicit Association Test (IAT) developed by Dr. Mahzarin Banaji (Harvard) and Anthony Greenwald (University of Washington) is an online test to measure your attitudes and beliefs that you may be unwilling or unable to self-report. A link to the online test is provided here.

The committee will host a Diversity Symposium in the future. We will host expert speakers, have a panel discussion, and provide implicit bias training and a host of other exercises. We hope you can take time to attend. Keep in mind the Symposium is for everyone, not only our diverse population! More details will follow.

Lastly, congratulations to Ed Watts on receiving the Robert T. Coles Diversity Award.

Want to find out if your company has room for improvement? Try out this free tool from Dezeen to quickly assess potential gender pay gap trends. Dezeen’s calculator allows firms to assess if there is a gender pay gap at their business. It is a quick and simple reckoner and is intended as a conversation starter and awareness raiser. However, companies should use more sophisticated methods to properly tackle pay inequality in their organizations. —Dezeen Limited Magazine

**Examining the state of diversity**

**Analyzing the impact of race, ethnicity, and gender on success in the field of architecture**

“Diversity in the Profession of Architecture,” published by AIA in 2016, examines the factors that influence diversity in the workplace and how they can determine career advancement opportunities and challenges, work-life balance, and attrition rates. The report also offers next steps for architecture, as a field, to pivot by attracting and maintaining a more diverse workforce.

Building off a 2015 survey, the report reflects an effective collaboration between AIA, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, the National Architectural Accrediting Board, the National Organization of Minority Architects, the Coalition of Community College Architecture Programs, and the American Institute of Architecture Students.

Download: Diversity in the Profession of Architecture: Executive Summary
AIA Buffalo/WNY is extremely lucky to have a group of partners who have signed on as part of our Allied Members program. The money raised from these memberships is primarily used to pay for the chapter scholarship and special event programming and without the help of these companies and individuals we would not be able to provide all the benefits that we strive to. The chapter would like to extend a big thank you to the following:

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We are still looking for our first architectural firm to sign on, with special benefits provided to those firms that choose to join. For further information and to download the application and informational PDF please visit the website.

The 2017 Holiday Party was held at Asbury Hall on December 14th. Thank you to Tremco for sponsoring the event. Everyone had a great time, and the happy face(s) of our Young Architect of the Year will stay forever engrained in our minds!