



SASLA NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Bread N Greens Fundraiser

4425 Lehigh Rd, College Park, MD 20740
September 11
4PM-9PM

First Look Fair

McKeldin Mall
September 13-14
10AM-3PM

PARK(ING) Day

Cole Field House
September 15
9AM-6PM

As the Student Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, our mission is to uphold the principles outlined by the ASLA: "to lead, educate, and participate in the careful stewardship, wise planning, and artful design of our cultural and natural environments."

MEET THE COMMITTEE

Q: What are your goals for SASLA?

Blair Danies, President: Firstly, I think it's important to mention how amazing our SASLA e-board is this year! This year I have many goals! But one of the main goals is to make SASLA as inclusive as ever. I hope to organize events that will prompt participation from the different LARC studios, especially the 2nd year students and MLA's, however, getting non-LARC students involved is also a big priority for me! I'm looking forward to a great year!

Q: What are your expectations going into your third year of landscape architecture?

Michael Pullano, Vice President: As I enter my third year in landscape architecture, I expect that my classmates and I will have to work harder on our projects than ever before, now that we will have to consider the complex issues that can accompany site engineering--but I know we are up for the challenge!

Q: What's on your bucket list for your final semester?

Beverly Hernandez, Events Chair: I want to go through a full semester without pulling a single all-nighter.

Q: What did you do over the summer?

Jason Kohler, Media Chair: This past summer I interned at Chapel Valley Landscape Company in which I experienced the construction, implementation, and maintenance of Landscape projects. In addition, I designed a planting design around a homeowner's pool and a patio space.

LABASH 2017

The University of Maryland hosted the 47th Annual LABash Conference attracting 300 landscape architecture students and professionals. The theme, render monumental, inspired the participants to passionately design in ways that will surpass what has been done before. President of the planning, Tandis Hamidzadeh describes the experience as one of the most anxiety-ridden weeks of her life! She added that it was extremely rewarding to learn



James Burnett from OJB Landscape Architecture giving his presentation on Monumental Transformations.



A group of designers presenting their plan for a resort during an EDSA Charrette at LABash 2017.



Aerial view of Costa Rica's lush canopy.



Late studio nights continue in Monteverde.

how events are produced from managing large budgets, fundraising, marketing, speakers, transportation, and arranging venues. With 300 attendees, we offered three days packed with lectures, workshops, tours, and networking events. Rubson Guimaraes, a recent graduate from the University of Connecticut, was able to make some lifelong friends to bond with over nerdy plant jokes and studio life. His favorite lecture was “The Next Frontier of Highways: Removing Them” by Ken Ray from Tool Design Group in Silver Spring, MD. Rubson described it as his specific field of interest as he believes in designing development for people over vehicles. The closing ceremony was held in D.C. where Tandis had partially regained her voice and finally had a moment to bash with our attendees! The entire planning committee thanks all for their generosity, patience, and kindness throughout the planning process. LABash 2018, hosted by PennState, will occur on April 5th-7th, 2018. Exec member, Will Talero says the theme “Identify” will define the landscape architecture profession from each individual’s point of view. He tells us there has been an increase of volunteers and faculty at PennState and feels that their progress will lead to a successful LABASH 2018!

STUDY ABROAD

Six of our landscape architecture students completed a 10 week study abroad trip to Monteverde Cloud Forest Preserve, Costa Rica. There they had the opportunity to work with architecture students from the University of Buffalo. Devan Hare, senior, expressed her excitement to travel out of the country for the first time to design a project for a local community. The prompt of their project asked students to design a public area that Monteverde lacked using sustainable materials. The lot for their design was located in a local community called Los Llanos and since Costa Rica is a 90% sustainable country, the students learned creative ways to use sustainable materials. Max Berger, senior, acknowledged that this would become one of the first parks the community will have and thus their design team spent weeks on designs, critiques, and a midterm review to come up with a coherent design the community would come to love. Once the plans were completed, construction began. Devan stated that working with materials such as mixing and pouring concrete introduced her to an experience she would not have gotten in a typical studio. After completion, she added that her experience was challenging but highly rewarding. On their days off the students explored Monteverde’s scenic trails, delicious restaurants, and secret waterfalls. Max Berger enjoyed practicing his Spanish with his host family. On Sundays he joined them on a hike to the highest radio towers with their four dogs. Devan recommends that everybody should plan a trip to see how beautiful an untouched tropical world is.

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Opportunities

Study Abroad Fair Winter: Chile & New Zealand (9/7/2017)
NRCC Fellowship: Maryland Forestry Foundation (9/20/2017)
Scholarship: Bartlett Tree Foundation (10/10/2017)
Check out the job and internship board for more information!