

STUDENT ASLA NEWSLETTER

"And what greater delight and wonder can there be than to leave the straight lines of personality and deviate into those footpaths that lead beneath brambles and thick tree trunks into the heart of the forest where live these wild beasts, our fellow men? That is true: to escape is the greatest of pleasures; street haunting in winter the greatest of adventures." -Virginia Woolf



FUTURE EVENTS

Weekly SASLA Meeting
Mondays | 12:00pm
Zoom #965-865-6908

Join us for our weekly meeting to see what's going on with SASLA and get involved!

Daniel Tal Lecture Series
March 26th and 28th

Daniel Tal will be offering an extended educational session on SketchUp, Lumion, and drone technology. This is a great opportunity for you to gain knowledge on up and coming technology in our field. Don't miss it!

Virtual LaBash
"Compacted Grounds"
April 9th-11th
labash.org

Make sure you save the date for this online experience with Cornell, and stay tuned for information on a potential UMD Bash.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Meetings every Monday!	2	3	4	5 Mentor Game Night Zoom 7pm Come play some fun, online games with us. Mentees are especially encouraged to join for great way to spend some time with their SASLA Mentor!	6
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
7	8	9 Cookie Decorating Event Zoom 6pm Single or not, cookies and time spent with SASLA friends is always good for the heart. Stay tuned for more information on our Valentines event.	10	11	12	13
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
14	15 DOTS Art Park Apply by 15th go.umd.edu/artpark Have your art featured in a parking space, similar to Parking Day. Reach out if you are interested!	16 Leed and Licensure Zoom 6pm Prepare for the professional world with Marisa Kushner from CLARB in this highly requested lecture!	17	18	19	20
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
21	22	23	24	25	26 Gardening 101 Zoom 10 am Want to gain hands on experience, but not sure where to start? This is for you! Learn basic gardening skills in this fun workshop with Carol Allen from the PLSC Department.	27

LARC STUDENTS SURVIVED 2020, A SURVEY

Last year brought many challenges upon us, and certainly many changes. Nevertheless, life went on. We kept learning, growing, and making memories together. With spring semester just beginning, hopefully you are excited for new projects, field trips, and fun SASLA events! Let's take a moment to look back on your favorite parts of 2020.

My favorite memory from 2020 is.....

- Getting married and buying my first home
- Running away from a haunted cemetery and jumping in my truck with my friend Mika.
- Dancing/Singing with my mom on Christmas to 'Evermore' from the Beauty and the Beast soundtrack (multiple times).

The craziest thing I did while my camera was off..... (Professors, close your eyes real quick...)

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| <i>On our best days...</i> | <i>On our bad days...</i> | <i>On our worst days...</i> |
| • Cook breakfast | • Facetiming friends | • Napping (was it an accident?) |
| • Dancing and doing yoga! | • Accidentally falling asleep with my laptop on my lap and Zoom running (at least it was an accident!) | • Binged Peaky Blinders... 10/10 recommend (we are a little disappointed in you but thank you for the recommendation) |

The coolest project I worked on in 2020 was..... (OK you can open your eyes now!)

- The Edmund N. Bacon Urban Design Competition in Professor Sullivan’s studio
- The Sarvis Empowerment Café and Geisha Garden in Professor Nola’s studio
- Designing a streetscape in Chestertown, MD to encourage outdoor dining in the current and post-Covid era.

My favorite thing SASLA did in 2020...

- Pumpkin carving! x2
- Sketchup Workshop
- Professional Wellness Workshop. “Kelley and Kim totally killed it!”

What kept me going during quarantine was...

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| • Going to the gym so that I can eat my feelings regularly! | • Aslan, my cat |
| • Stretching, sometimes | • Puppies |
| • Netflix x2 | |



Aslan the cat

I’m excited for the spring semester...



How many hours Emily can go straight on zoom...



The tree families that got us through 2020...



The real families that got us through 2020...



100%



100%

DESIGN COMPETITION

The Design Competition is open to anyone, with a **\$100 prize!** You are welcome to take the project on yourself, or team up with another student. This is a no risk opportunity to throw out your wildest ideas! Have fun with it.

The site you will be addressing is Burtonsville Crossing, a shopping mall in Burtonsville, MD. In 2003 the mall opened, and was filled with bustling grocery stores, restaurants, and places to shop. Unfortunately, it began to deteriorate only three years later. By 2012 it was 70% vacant, and two years later, 90% vacant.

This is where landscape architects come in! There are plans to transition the space into a mixed-use park-and-ride. The mission is to “enrich the Burtonsville community, with excellent retail and dining options, civic space,” and other uses that “fit Burtonville’s unique identity and character.”

How will you create economic solutions for this community? Consider how people can access the space, and how they move around within it. How can this space connect to the community? The large parking lot would create an abundance of stormwater runoff, how can you manage the water sustainably? What type of open space do you want to create?



There are no right or wrong answers. We encourage everyone to think creatively and give the project their best shot. What is your fearless idea?!

Email sasla.umd@gmail.com to receive your information packet and ask any questions. Final submission is **April 2nd!**

ARCHITECTURE EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR

Architecture, Planning,
Preservation, and Real Estate
Development Career and
Internship Fair
February 26th
careers.umd.edu/event

Portfolio Review with AIA
Baltimore
February 11th at 12 pm
[eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Submissions for portfolios are not open but attending could help you to see others work and get ideas. Register free on eventbrite.

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Opportunities

Internships:

Landscape Architecture Intern | Ayers St. Gross, Dewberry, Kimley-Horn, Land Strategies

[2021 Brinsfield Internship at the Hughes Center](#)

Scholarships:

Applications mostly due February 1st. Good luck to all our applicants!