Landscape Architecture students and faculty, welcome back for another great semester! We missed seeing all of your beautiful faces on zoom. This year may be different than before, but we are excited nonetheless to continue learning, create some great designs in studio, and connect with our community virtually.

Just in time for the new school year, we are excited to release our 2020 SASLA T-Shirt! The shirt is titled “Landscape Architecture students trying to survive 2020,” designed by senior BLA student Ian Burkhardt. As we face the challenges of the present-day virtual world, SASLA encourages students to keep their spirits high, and remember their self-care!
For students who are used to in person classes, and seeing our close-knit LARC family frequently, 2020 may seem like a struggle. But remember we are all in this together; and we got this! Here are some tips to help you make it through while feeling your best.

- **Take a quick walk outside**
- **Try not to spend too long on one task!**
- **Use TOGGLE to keep track of time**
- **Say hi to your peer mentor or ask for advice!**
- **Use glasses or a blue light filter to protect your eyes**
- **Schedule an appointment to get some work done**
- **organize your files!!**
- **Distraction free in the studio**
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**PARKING DAY COMPETITION WINNERS!**

We received some excellent entries for this year’s Parking Day! Thank you to everyone who participated.

The winner is senior BLA student Danayara Padilla, with her submission, “Mini Windmill Arts Stop!” Congratulations Dayanara! This space was inspired by Dutch landscapes and included a lovely mix of windmills and flowers. We loved the interactivity of the paint by number easels and the beautiful rendering!

In second place is second year MLA student Kelsey Moody, with her submission, “Next Level Dining!” We appreciated your beautiful hand drawing and thoughtful design ideas. The use of planting boxes and shading helps to create a comfortable, enjoyable space. The second level is a creative idea and would help draw attention to the parking space!
In third place is junior BLA student Teddy Ziolkowski, with his submission, “Keys to the City!” We would love to hang out here and listen to some piano music! The pegola and string lights create a warm, comforting atmosphere. We also appreciated your thoughtfulness to consider the community and their appreciation of music! Thank you for your submission.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

SASLA supports the Black Lives Matter movement. Your feedback on how either SASLA or the LARC Department can better support BIPOC LARC students is always welcome.

Our newly created diversity committee will be advocating for the inclusion of all students and upholding the standards of student landscape architects, while helping to plan events and encourage feedback. This committee is working alongside MAPP+D’s Design Justice Organization. We encourage anyone who is interested to email us for more information on joining the committee.

There is power in our profession. Consider how we can better protect discriminated populations on streets, advocate for underserved communities, use design to shed light on rich and diverse history, and recognize the value of parks as places of protest.

Here are some great resources to continue learning, click an image to read.

“Walking While Black” - Short Story by Garnette Cadogan

“Environmental Justice + Landscape Architecture” - Guide by Spiegelhalter, Ruswick, and Noto

“Black Landscapes Matter” - Interview with Walter Hood

“Amid Protest and Pandemic, Urban Parks Show Their Worth” - Article by Patrick Sisson

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