



STUDENT ASLA NEWSLETTER

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*"Roads? Where we're going, we don't need roads."
- Dr. Emmett Brown*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Student ASLA Fundraiser
May 8th | 6-10pm
Blaze Pizza
College Park, MD

Digital Tutorials with Sebastian
Mondays, 2-4pm
Fridays, 12-2pm
PLS 2137

Potomac ASLA Awards Gala
May 16th | 6:00pm
4200 Connecticut Ave
NW Washington DC
[Register Here](#)

AGNR Commencement
May 23rd | 3:00pm
Reckord Armory

ASLA Conference on
Landscape Architecture
San Diego, California
[Information Here](#)



30 UMD students attended LABash2019 at the University of Georgia this spring!

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY AT LABASH

What happens when hundreds of landscape architecture students, experienced professionals, and other landscape architecture enthusiasts gather together on a college campus for a weekend of learning, networking, and fun? LABash--that's what happens! It would be an understatement to say that this year's LABash was an invaluable experience for the 30 University of Maryland students who attended.

This year's theme for LABash was 'Find Your Roots,' by which attendees were encouraged to witness the rich history and traditions of landscape architecture at the University of Georgia and be inspired to launch into new experiences and challenges. Our students engaged with students from around the country, many whom might be future partners or collaborators in professional practice. Creative workshops like sketching tutorials and software introductions challenged students to enhance their graphic skills and find new ways to express design ideas. Additionally, professional connections were made as students bounced around the expo learning about different



Campus sketch crawl led by Craig Stoffel.

firms and related companies. Kona Gray, Barbara Deutsch, and Thomas Woltz delivered fantastic keynote lectures. Together, they motivated attendees to pursue innovative design, professional community, and passionate practice to find solutions to difficult problems and change the world for the better. Kona brought things into perspective saying, “Innovation is creating value by applying novel solutions to meaningful problems,” and landscape architects try to solve meaningful problems all the time.

LABash2019 was refreshing and stirring for so many of our students. The skills we learned and the relationships we made strengthened the comradery of our student body and expanded the creative talent in our program. There is much to be thankful for, especially the generous donors who made this experience possible--without their help, many of our students would not have been able to experience the many benefits of LABash. Thank you!

NIGHT OF HONOR

On Friday, April 26th, the Maryland ASLA Chapter hosted its 2019 Awards Gala at the beautiful Cylburn Arboretum in Baltimore. Four BLA students and two MLA students from our program were nominated for the ASLA Student Honor and Merit Awards; the BLA Seniors include: Kevin Baker, Jason Kohler, Michael Pullano, and Erik Rosenbaum; the MLA students include: Katie Ferguson and Keren Zhang. Katie Ferguson and Michael Pullano were also distinguished as UMD Olmsted Scholars. The night was a time for students and professionals alike to celebrate the many successes of Maryland-based landscape architecture and recognize students for their honorable contributions. Congratulations to all nominees and award-winners!

ALUMNI COUNCIL MEET & GREET

Over the recent years, there have been many steps made to strengthen the ties between our alumni and current students. The Alumni Council has played an integral part in this growth and deserve thanks for their efforts to building up and supporting our students.



The LABash group kickin' back mid-road trip at Falls Park in Greenville, South Carolina.



Congratulations students award winners!



Alumni reviewing the work and portfolios of rising seniors during a meet and greet.

A few weeks ago, members from the alumni council returned to their alma mater to meet with 3rd year students as part of the kick-off to the Alumni Mentorship program. Through this program, rising senior students have the opportunity to directly communicate with and learn from various alumni in the professional field. The meet and greet provided the pairs of mentors (alumni) and mentees (students) a chance to get to know one another and enjoy a meal together. With connections like these, our landscape architecture community only grows stronger and brighter.

MARYLAND DAY 2019

Maryland Day--where people of all ages and backgrounds storm onto campus and celebrate all the wonderful things about the state, the university, and the people. The landscape architecture program jumped right in on the fun. Visitors had the chance to see some past student work and learn about the many things that landscape architects do. Children were provided educational coloring books to learn about landscape architecture. Additionally, participants could view a formal ribbon cutting of the new Stamp Living wall. It was a joyful day and a great celebration!

SENIOR RECOGNITION

Look out world, 14 seniors are jumping into a bright future! For four years, these students have given their all to contribute to the landscape architecture program here at Maryland, and have soaked up all the valuable lessons they can. Congratulations to all our graduating seniors, the best is yet to come!



AJ Mueller
Andrew Cho
Andrew Knaak
Dorielle Brashears
Edith Guardardo Martinelli
Erik Rosenbaum
Jasmine Whims

Jason Kohler
Junseo Park
Kevin Baker
Manique Sellers
Michael Pullano
Raena Nola
Sean Updike

ASK THE ALUMNI



Tandis Hamidzadeh

Class of 2017
Landscape Designer
EDSA
Former Student ASLA President

What skill set did you develop during undergrad that has helped you in your professional experience?

“Speed! I have realized that Maryland professors did a great job of teaching me how to use the basic programs very well so that I can work efficiently. Though you may not want to get pigeonholed as a CAD or Photoshop whiz, it is important to be a jack of all trades and not let programs stand in your way of being an effective team member.”

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



AJ Mueller, May 27th
Jovan Jackson, May 10th
Ryan Young, May 20th

SO LONG, FAREWELL

“It has truly been a wonderful experience to serve as this year’s Student ASLA President, and I am extremely grateful for the constant support of the Executive Board. If it weren’t for these driven students, many of our accomplishments would not have been possible. I’m proud to say that we’ve achieved our goal to strengthen the sense of community among the students, faculty, and alumni.

While it is bittersweet to exit my role, I am excited to enter the professional realm with my incredible colleagues. I encourage students to step out of their comfort zone, get involved in ASLA, and ‘make no little plans’--I promise you will not regret it!”

- *Michael Pullano*



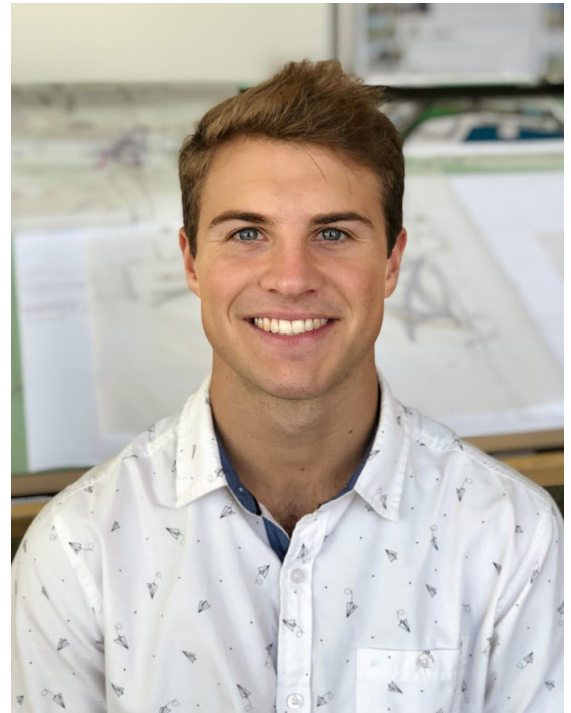
Michael Pullano
Student ASLA President 2018-2019

“Thank you to everyone for reading this newsletter! I have enjoyed writing these stories and sharing some of the behind-the-scenes news in our program. As the Newsletter Correspondent, I had the opportunity to hear all about what students and faculty experienced throughout the semester in regards to our program. It was a joy of mine to highlight some of these experiences, thank you for your contributions.

We have an awesome learning environment here, and an even better group of people. I am thankful to have been a part of this community, and hope the best for all of my UMD LARC peers.

Continue to serve, and love doing it.”

- *Jason Kohler*



Jason Kohler
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Opportunities

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Internship: [Land Design](#) | [Mobilize Green](#) | [Intreegue Design](#)

Scholarships: LAF Olmstead Scholars Program | MAEF Scholarship | ASLA Council of Fellows Scholarship