Class of 2024

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Travis Harold Bryan ▲ ◆ ~
Jacob Louis Bryson
Drew Christopher Carmical
Elisa Sofia Castañeda ❑ ■ •
Salena Kirsten Chatfield
Michael De-Xiang Chew ❖ ▼ • +
William "Spence" Colmer
Anna Celeste Criswell * # • +
Reagan Ashley Douglass * # •
Lucas Danos Elder *
Sloan Parker Freeman * ~
Kailyn Marie Gardner ❍ ▲
Ethan Bensley Harvey
Jacob (Jake) Charles Herrington ❖ ▲
Mikayla Brooke House ❍ ● ▲ • *
Jennifer (Jenny) Katherine Hutton ~
James David (JD) Jaggers ~
Jessica (Jess) Michaila Kiger * #
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Sarah Elise Mixon ❖ ▼ •
Lillian (Lily) Kate Montague ❍ ●
Gabriella (Gabbi) Bernadette Morelli ▲
Lucas (Luke) Theodore Murray ▲ ◆ • +
Jessica Marie Ninnis
Whitney "Elaine" Otts ▲ ◆ •
Tyler Keith Pipkins
Caroline Rhea Prather * +
Evelyn Noemi Ramirez
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Annelise Elizabeth Sernich ❑ ■ • +
Mary Stafford Shurden *
James (Jeb) Bailey Thomas • ~
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❖ Alpha Rho Chi; ▼ (APX) Officer
❑ National Organization of Minority Architecture Students; ■ (NOMAS) Officer
▲ Tau Sigma Delta Honor Society; ◆ (TSD) Officer
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School of Architecture

Recognition Day

May 9, 2024

Robert and Freda Harrison Auditorium
Giles Hall

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™
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The 33rd Annual Dr. William L. and Jean P. Giles Memorial Lecturer

Shannon F. Gathings, AIA, NOMA

Associate | Architect

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Shannon Gathings is an architect at Duvall Decker Architects in Jackson. She is a leader in and out of the studio and is a skilled project manager and designer. Gathings has led some of the firm's most successful projects, including the Reserves at Gray Park, which was recently recognized in "The State of Housing Design" by the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University and was a 2022 recipient of the Architizer A+ Award for best affordable housing. She also led the renovation of Operation Shoestring's Ellen Harris Center, which received a 2023 AIA Mississippi Honor Award. Gathings is a teacher in the studio, helping her peers as they grow and develop. She has an unwavering passion for architecture and its role in making communities healthier.

Gathings was recently awarded the 2023 AIA Young Architects Award for her leadership in design and service to the profession. Her service to AIA began at the state level where her roles have included communications director, associate director, member of the board of directors and rank executive committee positions, leading to service as the 2018 AIA Mississippi president. She has served as the regional associate director of AIA Gulf States, the 2020 Strategic Council associate representative and the 2021 associate director for the AIA national board of directors. Gathings currently serves as a S|ARC advisory board member for her alma mater, Mississippi State University.

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2023-2024 Scholarships

Ann & Jim Somers Annual Scholarship
$1,000.....Abby Williams

Charles H. Dean, Jr. Annual Memorial Scholarship
$1,000.....Ada Fulgham

Eley Guild Hardy Architecture Endowed Scholarship
$2,000 each.....Jessica Kiger
$1,000 each.....Anna Criswell, Evelyn Ramirez

Jason D. Labutka Scholarship
$1,500.....Kali Nolen

JJAJ Endowed Scholarship
$500 each.....Camille Bohannon, Shawn Mackey

Lyndall Gail Wood Memorial Scholarship
$1,000.....Michael Herndon

Mockbee Hall & Drake Annual Scholarship
$2,000.....Anna Criswell

Primos Scholarship in Architecture
software award .....Evelyn Aguilar, Noah Bates, Sydney Cothern, Madison Jones, Abby Mickholtzick, Kali Nolin, Carolyn Oglesby, Kathryn Stewart, Jakobi Walton, Annika Watson

Pryor & Morrow Annual Scholarship
$500 each.....Evelyn Aguilar, Kali Nolen, Annika Watson

Rowan Taylor Endowed Scholarship
$1,000.....Elijah Camba

School of Architecture Patrons Scholarship
$1,000.....Arturo Hernandez

Shelia Renea Jackson Endowed Scholarship
$2,000.....Evelyn Ramirez

Stephanie M. and Don F. Pizzetta Endowed Scholarship
$1,200.....Elvis Scott

Stephanie M. and Don F. Pizzetta Annual Scholarship
$1,200.....Abby Williams

2024 Recognition Day

Opening Remarks – School of Architecture Welcome
Dr. Karen Cordes Spence
Director and F.L. Crane Professor; School of Architecture

Special Recognition
Dr. Karen Cordes Spence

College Welcome
Dr. Angi Elsea Bourgeois
Dean and Professor; College of Architecture, Art & Design

University Welcome
Dr. Peter Ryan
Executive Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
Mississippi State University
Dean; Graduate School

Introduction of Guest Speaker
Dr. Karen Cordes Spence

The Annual Dr. William L. & Jean P. Giles Memorial Lecture
Shannon F. Gathings
Associate | Architect; Duvall Decker Architects, P.A.

Introduction of S|ARC Faculty
Dr. Karen Cordes Spence

Presentation of Awards
School of Architecture faculty and student leaders

Presentation of Stoles to the Class of 2024
Ryan, Bourgeois, Spence, Gathings

Closing Remarks
Dr. Karen Cordes Spence

Reception
Please join us for a reception in the Charlotte and Richard McNeel Gallery foyer. Student work is on display in the gallery.

The Recognition Day ceremony is dedicated to the memory of Dr. William L. and Mrs. Jean P. Giles.

2023-2024 Awards

Annual Allen & Hoshall Faculty Award
Recipient: Professor Hans Herrmann
Presented by: Director Karen Spence

The architectural firm of Allen & Hoshall of Jackson, Mississippi, has established a $500 annual award to a faculty member "who has demonstrated excellence in teaching." The award winner is selected by the graduating class.

Alpha Rho Chi (APX)
Chapter President: Sara Boyte
Faculty Advisor: Associate Professor Jacob Gines

Alpha Rho Chi is the only national co-ed professional/social fraternity for architecture and the allied arts. MSU's Hippodamus chapter includes members representing architecture, interior design, landscape architecture and engineering.

Alpha Rho Chi Student Book Award
Recipient: Sarah Mixon

The APX student book award is given to a graduating fifth-year active member who has furthered the mission of the fraternity through service.

American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS)
Chapter President: Noah Bates
Faculty Advisors: Associate Professor Alexis Gregory, Dr. Aaron White

The American Institute of Architecture Students is the counterpart of the American Institute of Architects, or AIA. The chapter works closely with professional architects in the state through the Mississippi Chapter of the AIA, which funds this award.

AIAS Member of the Year Book Award
Recipient: Kathryn Stewart

The recipient of the AIAS Award is chosen by the AIAS membership. The qualifications for this award are: "... that the student goes above and beyond what has been asked; has shown initiative and leadership qualities; has been an AIAS leader within their level; and does well academically."

National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS)
Chapter President: Micah Webb
Faculty Advisor: Associate Professor Silvina Lopez Barrera

The National Organization of Minority Architecture Students is the student arm of the National Organization of Minority Architects. Students participating seek to enhance the educational experience of its members by fostering diversity within the School of Architecture and the community at-large.

Gulf Coast Research Award
Shawn Mackey

Shawn's research, "Architecture Preserving the Past, Securing the Future: Safeguarding Historic Structures in Tornado-Prone Communities," was completed under the guidance of his mentor Leah Kemp, director of the Fred Carl Jr. Small Town Center. The Gulf Coast Research award highlights projects that address issues facing the Gulf Coast, including community health and resilience, environmental protection and stewardship, and energy safety and sustainability.

Burris Wagnon Study Abroad Travel Award
Elisa Castaneda, Elaine Otts, Caroline Prather, Annelise Sernich

Bill Burris and Stan Wagnon, principals of Burris/Wagon Architects, P.A., established the $500 Burris Wagnon Study Abroad Travel Award to fulfill a desire to assist students traveling abroad to experience architecture.

Poole & Company Student Design Award Recipients
Professor Lopez Barrera's studio:

- Honor Award: Camille Mask | Merit Award: Libby Borkowski

Professor Herrmann's studio:

- Honor Award: Noel Fisher | Merit Award: Caeli Finch

Professor Duane McLemore's studio:

- Honor Award: Charles Rounds | Merit Award: Toussaint Robinson

This monetary award is selected by an outside jury committee, including Bruce Herrington, to recognize exceptional design work among fourth-year students.

PCI Foundation Studio (3A/Collaborative) Honors
Ryan Ashford, Briar Jones:

- **Top Project:** Isaac Hall, JR Hitchcock, Kasey Losik, and Mark Perry (ARC); Aaron Shankle (BCS)
- **Honorable Mention:** Caroline Clune, Lauren Odon, Iliana Ramos, and Rachel Sampson (ARC); Cooper Smith and Trey Walker (BCS)

Professor Alexis Gregory, Briar Jones:

- **Top Project:** Mary Kirk Dillard, Mackenzie Gibbs, Carlie Gleason, and Anna Rives Gully (ARC); Ella Bunch (BCS)
- **Honorable Mention:** Team 12: China Chandler, Ashlyn Jones, Elvis Scott, and Faith Troutt (ARC); Ben Myrick and Ashton Gibson (BCS)

This studio is funded by the PCI Foundation with projects focused on the use of precast concrete for structure and cladding for museum designs.

Other Notable Student Awards, 2023-2024

Aydelott Travel Award
Yuria Sloane
Yuria received $20,000 to travel to Bolivia, Japan, New Zealand and Norway. Her faculty mentor is Assistant Professor Silvina Lopez Barrera. This award was established by late Memphis architect Alfred Lewis Aydelott and his wife, Hope Galloway Aydelott.

Association for Retired Faculty (ARF) William L. Giles Award for Excellence in Architecture
Camille Mask
This $500 award was established in 1997 in honor and memory of William Lincoln Giles, a charter member of ARF. It is given each year on the basis of academic excellence and overall leadership. Funding comes from a contribution by Hazel Presson, aunt of Ginger Giles Jones, Dr. Giles' daughter.

Trussell Travel Award
Anna Rives Gully
The Trussell Travel Award, which is funded by alumnus Ted T. Porter, is awarded to the runner-up of the Aydelott Travel Award. The award provides $4,750 for student travel.

Method Studio Undergraduate Research Fellow
Fall 2023 & Spring 2024: Paulina Fernandez
Method Studio Research Fellows receive a $3,000 award and work on research during the semester for the Method Studio under the guidance of Associate Professor Jacob Gines.

Spring 2024 Undergraduate Research Symposium
Michael Herndon
"Architecture Community Resilience: Disaster Relief Practices and Informing Better Built Environments" was completed under the guidance of Associate Professor Silvina Lopez Barrera.

Gender Studies 2024 Student Competition
Rachel Sampson
Rachel's project, "Completing the Rainbow: Exploring the Voices of Lesbian and Transgender Architects," was part of the Inaugural Research Poster Competition completed under the guidance of her mentor Associate Professor Alexis Gregory.

NOMAS Diversity Award
Recipient: Karlton Wallace
Chosen by the group's membership, the NOMAS Diversity Award is given to a student who has shown outstanding initiative and leadership in promoting diversity within the school and the larger community.

Tau Sigma Delta Honor Society (TSD)
Chapter President: Caeli Finch
Faculty Advisor: Assistant Professor Duane McLemore
Tau Sigma Delta is the architectural and allied programs honor society open to top academic students in design disciplines. Induction does not occur until the student consistently demonstrates high academic standards and is in the third-year.

TSD Initiates: Bryant Baugus, Shabrea Davis, Kailyn Gardner, Mackenzie Gibbs, Isaac Hall, Anna Kate Horn, Kasey Losik, Gabbi Morelli, Heather Papizan, Brad Robinson, Skylar Sloan, Alana Vice, Summer Watson, Abby Williams

TSD Fifth-Year Graduates: Bryant Baugus, Travis Bryan, Kailyn Gardner, Jake Herrington, Mikayla House, Gabbi Morelli, Luke Murray, Elaine Otts, Summer Watson

TSD First-Year Design Award
Recipient: Miles Williams
The Tau Sigma Delta First-Year Design Award is presented to the first-year design student who has exhibited excellence in design. This is a book award.

TSD Faculty Book Award
Recipient: Professor John Poros
The TSD Faculty or Staff Book Award is presented by the third- and fourth-year members to the faculty/staff member who has inspired them to excellence.

Young Women in Architecture (YWA)
Chapter President: Kasey Losik
Faculty Advisor: Visiting Assistant Professor Emily McVey
YWA's mission is to empower and support women in architecture during and after their time at Mississippi State. The group has established five pillars as its backbone: design, integrity, community, scholarship and purpose.

Queer Students in CAAD (QCAAD)
Presidents and Co-Founders: Ada Fulgham, Ellen Overstreet
Faculty Advisor: Asst. Professor Duane McLemore
QCAAD–or Queer Students in the College of Architecture, Art and Design – strives to create a safe space for students and faculty in architecture and the allied arts who are members of the LGBTQIA+ community. The club serves as a space for open dialogue about queer identity and expression within CAAD and exists to support its members through academic and personal growth.

First-Year Faculty Book Award
Studio Coordinator: Associate Professor Silvina Lopez Barrera
Recipients: Tess Higginbotham, Abigail Crocker
This award is a book selected by the first-year faculty and presented to a first-year student selected on the basis of design excellence.

Second-Year Faculty Book Award
Studio Coordinator: Assistant Professor John Ross
Recipients: Peter Fox, Quinlan Pisciotta

This award is a book selected by the second-year faculty and presented to a second-year student selected on the basis of design excellence.

Third-Year Faculty Book Award
Studio Coordinator: Associate Professor Alexis Gregory
Recipients: Carlie Gleason, Yuria Sloane

This award is a book selected by the third-year faculty and presented to a third-year student(s) selected on the basis of design excellence.

Fourth-Year Faculty Book Award
Studio Coordinator: Associate Professor Jacob Gines
Recipients: Jackson “Creed” Broom, Abigail Gauthier, Grace Owens

This award is a book selected by the fourth-year faculty and presented to a fourth-year student(s) selected on the basis of design excellence.

Mississippi Forestry Association Mass Timber Award
First Place: Charles Rounds
Second Place: Matthew Thomas
Third Place: Grace Owens
Honorable Mention: Camille Bohannon, Sara Boyte, Caeli Finch
The Mississippi Forestry Association Mass Timber Awards are selected by MFA executive board members to recognize exceptional and innovative uses of mass timber within the fourth-year capstone studio.

ARCC King Award
Recipient: Du’Juan Brown
Presented by: Dr. Aaron White
Named in honor of the late Jonathan King, co-founder and first president of the Architectural Research Centers Consortium, this award is presented to one student per ARCC-member school. Selection is made by the entire faculty based upon criteria that acknowledge innovation, integrity and scholarship in architectural or environmental design research.

Fifth-Year Jurists’ Award
Studio Coordinator: Professor Jassen Callender
Recipients: Alston Brown, Jenny Hutton, Gabriella Morelli

The Jurists’ Award, a book award, is conferred by the fifth-year design faculty upon the student(s) who has achieved the greatest personal growth as a designer and whose work has contributed to the overall success of the fifth-year design studio.

CDFL Capstone Studio Travel Award
Recipients: Elisa Castañeda, Luke Murray
Presented by: Professor Jassen Callender

Funds from Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons Architects + Engineers’ $5,000 fifth-year, capstone studio sponsorship were used to support the studio and provided support for prominent external project reviewers as well as two cash awards for student travel.

Alpha Rho Chi Medal
Recipient: Elaine Otts
Presented by: Sara Boyte

The Alpha Rho Chi Medal is awarded to the graduating fifth-year student who has shown an ability for leadership, performed willing service for the school, and gives promise of professional merit through attitude and personality. The medal is offered each year to every NAAB fully accredited school of architecture. The recipient is chosen by the entire faculty of the school.

Academic Achievement Award
Recipient: Kailyn Gardner
Presented by: Director Karen Spence

The Academic Achievement Award is a book award presented to the graduating fifth-year student who has the highest cumulative MSU grade point average.

Medal for Academic Excellence
Recipient: Travis Bryan
Presented by: Director Karen Spence

Sponsored by the American Institute of Architects, the Medal for Academic Excellence, formerly the Henry Adams Medal, is considered the most important award given to graduating students. It is awarded for “general excellence in architecture” throughout the course of study. The medal is awarded to the most qualified student, selected by the entire faculty.