

I have spent much of this year talking about passion and legacy.

Personally, there is inner passion that drives me to do what I do. I believe that I have an input on what happens in my environment and I strive to do what I can to make the world around me a better place.

This next month, we have two programs that epitomize aspects of this passion: enlightenment and design. Through enlightenment, we see the world with new eyes. Through design, we shape the world to meet this new vision.



ENLIGHTENMENT

After nearly 1 ½ years of preparation, the **AIA Cincinnati VISION** program is about to embark. The inaugural class will begin November 18th and will include:

- Aaron Buirley, AIA** of *SHP Leading Design*
- Chris Bujnak, AIA** of *Michael Schuster Associates*
- Ryan Duebber, AIA** of *Ryan Duebber Architects*
- Greg Hammond**, of *Hixson*
- David Johnson, AIA** of *CR architecture + design*
- Kevin Kluender**, of the *Drawing Department*
- Mike Murphy, AIA** of *Champlin Architecture*
- Andrew Plogsted**, of *GBBN*
- Matthew Wirtz, AIA** of *FRCH Design Worldwide*
- Peter Wren**, of *RPM Design*

AIA VISION is a tremendous leadership development opportunity designed for emerging professionals of any age who are licensed less than 10 years and want to gain the skills necessary to advance to higher levels within the architectural profession. Participants should be established in their careers and recognized as leaders with great potential within their practice. Likewise, candidates should be interested in growing their innate leadership capabilities through an enriching holistic curriculum:

- Facing the challenges of living and practicing to grow business, address industry trends, and leave a lasting legacy.
- Developing and acting on meaningful civic responsibility.
- Building professional skills - leadership development, business acumen, networking – and strengthening negotiating power.
- Developing a strong network with peers and community leaders on the rise.

I am very proud of what we have put together for this program and truly believe that it will grow into an important and beneficial aspect of the Chapter. This program would never have gotten off the ground if not for the determined efforts of its steering committee led by **Miranda Mote & Marcie Kinney, AIA** and including **Chris Patek, AIA; Paul Shirley, Assoc AIA; Steve Haber, AIA & Dave Collins, FAIA.**

More information can be found on the program's website: www.aiacincinnati.com

DESIGN

This is the 14th year for the **Cincinnati Design Awards (CDA)**- a collaborative program between AIA, IIDA, ASID, SEGD, ASLA and AFC. We are excited this year to have *Cincinnati Magazine* as the official media sponsor for the event. With this new partnership, the CDA event will also present the *Cincinnati Magazine Interior Design Awards*.

Also this year, the AFC will recognize **Jim Fitzgerald, FAIA** with the *Hammer Award*. No one is more deserving of this award that honors an individual who has consistently and significantly contributed to the build environment in the Greater Cincinnati area. He has a great sense of vision for the community and the way we can benefit from giving back to it. Jim, and his altruistic nature, is one of the inspirations that set the tone for my presidency this year.

After a smaller program last year, we are delighted to see that there will be close to 100 entries for CDA 14 (nearly twice as many as last year). This is hopefully a positive sign that things are beginning to turn and optimism is coming forward.

This year's jury consists of:

Joe Pryse, AIA: Principal, *Leers Weinzapfel Associates*, Boston, Massachusetts

Cary Johnson, FIIDA: Workplace Leader, *Gensler*, Chicago, Illinois

Leslie Gallery-Dilworth, FAIA: Former CEO *SEGD*, Galisteo, New Mexico

Virginia Russell: Assoc. Professor, *College of DAAP*, University of Cincinnati

We do want to thank all of our sponsors for this event, especially **Lynn Imaging** for coming through and filling a void with a *Pinnacle Sponsorship*.

More information can be found on the new CDA webpage: www.cincinnatiaward.org

Respectfully,

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2010 AIA Cincinnati President

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"Our passions are the winds that propel our vessel. Our reason is the pilot that steers her. Without winds the vessel would not move and without a pilot she would be lost."

~ Proverb