

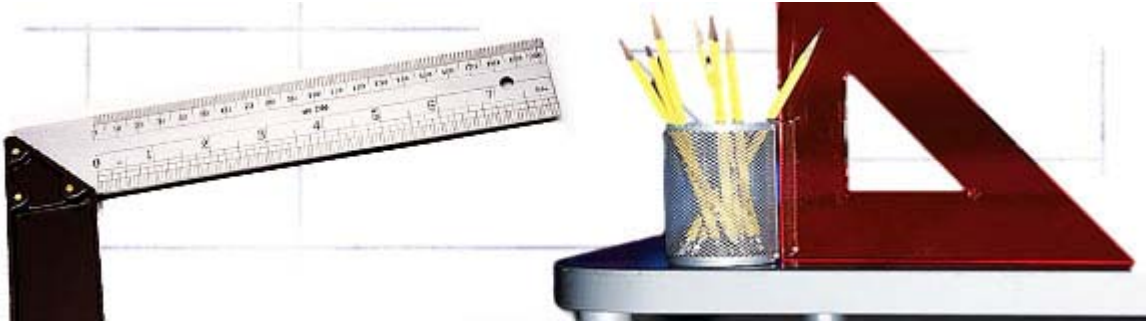
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Dear Michele,

Each month, AIA Florida's goal is to provide all of Florida's emerging and young architects with the most up-to-date news about what matters most.

## Legislative Day Next Week

Join us on Wednesday, March 17 for the annual AIA Florida Legislative Day in Tallahassee. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a Legislative Briefing held in the Senate Chambers of the Florida Capitol, followed by a full "Day on the Hill." If you would like to set up visits with Senators and Representatives from your district, please contact your local component office or state directors. Handouts and leave-behinds will be provided at the briefing to prepare you for your visits.



We'll end the day with a Legislative Reception hosted by AIA Florida at the headquarters office from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Join us for an exciting "Day on the Hill!" Please confirm your attendance with Lisa O'Donnell at [lodonnell@aiafla.org](mailto:lodonnell@aiafla.org).

## Interview Tips

In today's tumultuous and grim job market, being prepared for a job interview is crucial. Here are some interview tips from [CVTips.com](http://CVTips.com).

And, don't underestimate the power of a strong cover letter! For suggestions on creating an eye-catching cover letter, [CLICK](#)

## Resources

- [AIA Florida](#)
- [AIA](#)
- [NCARB](#)
- [BOAID](#) - licensure

## Join the Conversation



## New BFFs

- David Castaneda, Assoc. AIA (*AIA Miami*)
- Clyde Clare, Assoc. AIA (*AIA Gulf Coast*)
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- Andrew J. Gershon, Assoc. AIA (*AIA Ft. Lauderdale*)
- Robert J. Graboski, AIA (*AIA Miami*)
- Nathaly Haratz, Assoc. AIA (*AIA Miami*)
- Yukie Koichi, AIA (*AIA Northwest*)
- Adam Kovacs, Assoc. AIA (*AIA*)

[HERE](#).

## Your Opinion Matters

The *Epigram* will celebrate its first year as a publication in April 2010. In preparation for this milestone, we'd like to hear from you! Please complete this short survey so we can better tailor this publication to your needs. [CLICK HERE](#) to begin.



## Tampa Bay Hosts Successful Mentorship Roundtable

On Saturday, February 27, AIA Tampa Bay hosted a roundtable session on Mentorship at Wilder Architecture. Below is an article by Ray Wong, Assoc. AIA about the success of the program:

Mentoring has been, and continues to be, a key initiative for AIA Tampa Bay. A mentoring model has existed for several years pairing architecture students and associates with more senior AIA counterparts. A shortfall of this model was that, more often than not, associates had not reached the level of experience that allowed them to gain the most out their meetings. A communication gap existed, based largely on experience, preventing associates from asking the type of questions that lead to real pre-professional breakthroughs and growth.



This year, the mentoring model received a makeover courtesy of new Associate Directors, Katrina Pasteur and Ray Wong. The model has been revamped on other successful "roundtable" type of AIA events. The new mentoring model is one which is much less formal and a lot more fun for both the participants AND the mentors. The key to the roundtable was creating a "safe environment" where all participants could feel more comfortable and empowered when discussing issues related to their

*Tampa Bay)*

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### TMI...

The AIA Florida Honor & Design Awards Program is open to AIA Associates and AIAS members. Check out the categories [HERE](#).

### Calendar Events



Click on the image to view the AIA Florida calendar of events.

professional development. Key to the success was the early and whole hearted support for this program from volunteer "mentoring firms." Firms like Tampa's Wilder Architecture, Rojo Architecture, Hartmann Architecture, Hayes Cumming Architecture and Gresham, Smith and Partners.

The inaugural mentoring session took place the last Saturday of February at Wilder Architecture. Firm principals Larry Wilder, Eric Rice and John Thompson kindly volunteered to allow AIATB associates to gather at their firm and discuss all matters related to architecture and professional growth in the field of architecture. Topics ran the gamut from how and why they decided to start their firm to famous Frank Lloyd Wright quotes. More serious topics such as the cost of healthcare in small firms, balancing work and family, cost associated with professional liability insurance and handling "difficult" clients were also on the table.

The recipe is simple: a little coffee, some O.J., a couple of dozen doughnuts, mentors/volunteers, participants and a "just in case" moderator (as in just in case there's an awkward silence). The events take place every other month throughout the year with plans already being made for monthly events in 2011. The event is meant to be loose and informal...more like a long chat with an old friend rather than a meeting between teacher and student.

Overall, the premiere roundtable discussion was a great success. The event had a total of 17 participants, with many of them offering positive feedback on the event. The next Mentoring Roundtable is scheduled for the last Saturday in April.

## **FFA Competition - 1st "Critique Session" Held**

On Friday, Mar. 5, the Florida Foundation for Architecture (FFA) and the AIA Orlando Academy of Architecture for Health, held the first "critique session" as part of the Annual Emerging Professionals Design Competition. This year, the competition calls for a design of a Health Care Clinic for the homeless and other underserved communities. A group of architecture students from the University of Florida is participating in the FFA's 2010 design competition as their spring semester project, focusing on the design of a health care clinic for the homeless. Led by Professor Albertus Wang, the students traveled to Orlando for interim critiques with some of Orlando's leading health care design architects at the UF School of Architecture's City Lab studio facility in downtown. The students spent the morning learning about the basic principles of health care design from the Orlando architects, and in the afternoon, each group presented their interim work and received design feedback from the architects. The group plans to present their final work for entry in the competition. The jury will review all entries and recommend finalists for final evaluation and selection of the top three entries at the AIA Florida Convention in August. For more information on the competition, [CLICK HERE](#).

## **IDP 2.0 - Phase 3 Set for 2011**

The third phase of IDP 2.0 will go into effect in January 2011 and

will usher in changes to the Intern Development Program (IDP) work settings and experience areas. While the overall experience requirement will remain the same in terms of actual work hours (5,600), the distribution of the core minimums will be slightly different. The development of IDP 2.0 also presented an opportunity to clarify and simplify the acceptable settings for earning IDP credit. The current seven work settings will be combined into three acceptable experience settings in IDP 2.0. They are:

- A: Architectural Practice
- O: Other Work Settings
- S: Supplemental Experience

## EP Events Around the State

### AIA Ft. Lauderdale

*ARE Study Sessions (1st, 3rd & 4th Mondays of each month)*

Mar. 15 & 22 at 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: CPZ Architects, 4316 W. Broward Blvd., Plantation, FL

Please RSVP to: [aiaflc@gate.net](mailto:aiaflc@gate.net)

### AIA Orlando

*ARE Study Session "NCARB & Programming Practice" Speaker: Drew Krecicki, AIA*

Mar. 25 at 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: HuntonBrady Architects, 800 N. Magnolia, Suite 600, Orlando, FL 32803

Cost: Individual Sessions-\$20/AIA members, \$30/Non members. All Sessions-\$80/AIA members, \$160/Non members.

Please RSVP to: [Kristi@aiaorlando.com](mailto:Kristi@aiaorlando.com) by Friday, Mar. 19

### FAU School of Architecture

*ARE Prep for Building Design & Construction Systems*

Mar. 16, 18, 23, & 25 at 7:10 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Location: FAU Boca Raton Campus

### AIA Miami

*EP Social a Joint Event hosted by AIA EP, AIA Miami Architecture Club, Architecture for Humanity, AIA Miami COTE and AIAS*

Mar. 19 at 7:00 p.m., Free event, drinks & hors d'oeuvres.

Location: Tarpon Bend, 65 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables, FL 33134

RSVP: [JBenesh@zyscovich.com](mailto:JBenesh@zyscovich.com)

*ARE Study Group/Professional Development Session*

*"Architecture and Community" Roundtable Discussion*

Mar. 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: to be announced, Free event, drinks & hors d'oeuvres.

RSVP: [JBenesh@zyscovich.com](mailto:JBenesh@zyscovich.com)

### USF School of Architecture & Community Design

*Lecture Series*

Mar. 22: Gordon Gill - "The Language of Performance"

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