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## JLI Leadership Program 2020 - Overview

**Overview:** In 2018, AIA Florida developed a program to help its mission to train and cultivate the next generation of leaders in architecture. In 2019, JLI held its first leadership training program. Nine students met once a month for six months to become the first JLI graduates.

Prospective participants for the 2020 class must complete an application process where proven career success, community involvement and the individual's support from a Sponsor (firm, chapter, mentor, friend, or colleague) will be considered. After completing the application process, the 2020 JLI class will begin their training January in Tallahassee during AIA Florida's Legislative Day, and training will conclude in July with a graduation ceremony at the AIA Florida Annual Convention.

**Curriculum:** The curriculum focuses on core professional skills, starting with self-assessment and continues with transformational leadership, motivational leadership, building an organizational culture, influencing stakeholders, and other tools that can be applied to personal and professional development daily.

**Program Schedule:** Students will meet once a month for six months in varying locations around the state. Each session will last around four hours, with optional social activities as part of the in-person meetings.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

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| January 27, 2020  | Tallahassee  |
| February 24, 2020 | Tampa        |
| March 30, 2020    | Orlando      |
| April 27, 2020    | Miami        |
| May 26, 2020      | Jacksonville |
| June 29, 2020     | Gainesville  |
| July 7-9, 2020*   | Palm Beach   |

*\* There will be a graduation ceremony during the 2020 AIA Florida Annual Convention, being held at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, FL. Attendance at graduation is not required but recommended.*

**Required Commitment to the Program:** The program's success is directly related to attendance by the participants therefore, attendance is mandatory. Each participant of the program will sign a Commitment Letter that will require a signature from one of the participant's principals of their firm/agency or the president of their local component. Provided due notice to the JLI Selection Committee, with extenuating circumstances, each student will be allowed one excused absence. If two sessions are missed, a fine of \$50 will be sent to the participant's sponsor. A further absence will result in an additional \$50 fine and expulsion from the program.

**Honoring the Jacob Leadership Institute:** Mickey Jacob, FAIA is Principal of the Design Studio at BDG Architects and has been practicing architecture over 38 years in Tampa, Florida. Mickey's commitment to "service beyond self" has been the driving force behind his extensive AIA and community leadership participation. In addition to his many community/charitable organizations service, he has been actively participating in the AIA since 1982. Mickey served as President of AIA Florida in 2004-2005, and subsequently as the 2007-2009 AIA Florida/Caribbean Regional Director on the AIA National Board of Directors. He held the office of AIA Vice President 2009-2011 and was elected by the AIA membership to lead the Institute as the 2013 AIA President, only the second person from Florida to hold this position.

**Application Process:** Individuals will be selected based on a self-nomination letter, written application, recommendations, and resume. Candidates may also be nominated by their firm, mentor, colleague or component. The successful applicants will represent a diverse group that demonstrates strong potential as future leaders. Throughout the application process, candidates are encouraged to emphasize their previous leadership experience; explain what expertise they intend to provide to the program, and clarify how they intend to utilize the skills learned through the program.

**Tuition:** \$725 (AIA Members Only). Due upon acceptance into the program. May be paid by individual, mentor, component, firm and/or others.

**Application Deadline:** All completed applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EST on **November 18, 2019** to be eligible.

**Notification of Acceptance:** Candidates will be notified of their selection to participate in the program by December 9, 2019.