



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION

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By email

Michael O'Brien and Curtis Millay

Dear Michael and Curt,

On behalf of the Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF), I am delighted to provide the 2023 LAF update for the **ASLA Council of Fellows Scholarship**. This update provides a description of the award and its purpose, a summary of the scholarship winners to date, and the Annual Investment Report as of LAF's 2022 audited LAF financial statements on December 31, 2022.

The Council of Fellows Scholarship award supports a unique and growing community of student leaders in the profession and continues to attract highly qualified applicants. Since the award was established in 2005, the scholarship fund has supported 52 student awards totaling \$252,000.

Thank you!

2022 was another challenging economic year. LAF's Scholarship Fund reported a 13% decrease but outperformed LAF's investment benchmark by 3%. The Fund has not totally recovered yet in 2023 but is improving with currently 10% gains year-to-date and outperforming LAF's benchmark by 1%. Per LAF's investment advisors, we expect the Fund to continue to improve and recover in 2024.

In 2023, LAF awarded \$160,000 in financial support to promising landscape architecture students through 17 awards. Through the scholarships established by The ASLA Council of Fellows and other generous sponsors, LAF has awarded over \$1.7 million to more than 640 students since 1986. These awards support new generations of landscape architects by recognizing leadership, rewarding superior student performance, encouraging diversity, supporting original research, and assisting students with unmet financial need.

LAF is honored to manage the scholarship award and provide program administration, investment management services, and national recognition opportunities for the award and students. Your contribution recognizes and rewards these deserving students, and we thank you for making this unique and important scholarship opportunity possible to support the next generation of landscape architects and the communities we serve.

With gratitude,

Barbara Deutsch, FASLA
CEO

LAF SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

ASLA Council of Fellows Scholarships

This scholarship was established by the ASLA Council of Fellows in 2004 to: 1) aid outstanding students who would not otherwise have an opportunity to continue a professional degree program due to unmet financial need; 2) increase the interest and participation of economically disadvantaged and under-represented populations in the study of landscape architecture; and 3) enrich the profession of landscape architecture through a more diverse population.

One \$10,000 scholarship and three \$5,000 runner-up scholarships are awarded each year to promising students, with priority given to students of underrepresented populations and/or with financial need. Geographic distribution of the applicant pool will also be considered.

In addition to receiving their financial award, each recipient will also receive general registration fees for the ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO, and a travel stipend to attend the meeting. Scholarship recipients are expected to attend the ASLA Annual Meeting to receive their awards.

<https://lafoundation.org/scholarship/scholarships-and-fellowships/awards-available/asla-council-of-fellows-scholarships/>

2023 WINNER



Javiera Diaz-Ortiz
BLA Candidate
University of Maryland

Drawn to landscape architecture by an interest in environmental conservation, Javiera is pursuing a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture and a minor in Sustainability Studies at the University of Maryland, where she is president of the student chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Javiera enjoys fostering community and creating professional development opportunities for the program. She also participates in service and professional

projects. After graduation, Javiera plans to pursue landscape architecture with special interests in environmental restoration, community engagement, and inclusive design.

2023 RUNNER-UPS



Lily Saephan

BLA Candidate

California State Polytechnic University,
Pomona

Raised in Sacramento, California, Lily is now an undergraduate landscape architecture student at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, where she is developing her skills to design with communities and ecosystems in mind. Lily feels it is important to educate youth about the human impact on earth. Landscape design has turned her into an educator and advocate as she strives to lead by example and create places for future

generations. Along with her Bachelor of Landscape Architecture and two accompanying minors, Lily plans to pursue a Master of Landscape Architecture.



Fiorella Sibaja

BLA Candidate

University of Arkansas

Fiorella is passionate about creating new and improved spaces. As a second-year landscape architecture student at the University of Arkansas, Fiorella aims to use design to improve human and environmental health. She hopes to develop a career path that will allow her to become a successful Hispanic landscape architect and help those who live in under-represented communities. A motivated and hardworking student leader, Fiorella plans to use design to

create real, positive change for people and the environment. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and learning about new cultures.



Adriel Jimenez
BLA Candidate
University of Florida

Through the use of 3D-modeling, data, design tools, and on-site research, Adriel hopes to revitalize ecosystems and design with a focus on the environment, low-income housing communities, and improving water quality on a grand scale. Adriel's academic journey began at Miami Dade College, where he won awards from competitions and for volunteer service. He further developed his design style at Florida International University before ultimately landing at the University of Florida,

where he is known for his design skill and scientific curiosity. He is currently undertaking a 25-mile-long 3D-model of sea level rise in Biscayne Bay, Florida.

SUMMARY OF WINNERS

Year	Student	University	Degree	Award
2023	Javiera Diaz-Ortiz	University of Maryland	BLA	\$10,000
2023	Lily Saephan	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	BLA	\$5,000
2023	Fiorella Sibaja	University of Arkansas	BLA	\$5,000
2023	Adriel Jimenez	University of Florida	BLA	\$5,000
2022	Victor Cizik	University of Connecticut	BLA	\$10,000
2022	Naomi Bailey	Michigan State University	BLA	\$5,000
2022	Andrea Fager	Iowa State University	BLA	\$5,000
2022	Luis Jorge Hernandez	University of Arkansas	BLA	\$5,000
2021	Matheus Gomes	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	BLA	\$5,000
2021	Walter Hogue	University of Mississippi	BLA	\$5,000
2021	Najla Said Lopez	University of Florida	BLA	\$5,000
2021	Daniella Slowik	University of Washington	BLA	\$10,000
2020	Courtney Helmlinger	Ball State University	BLA	\$5,000
2020	David Curry	North Carolina A&T State University	BLA	\$5,000
2020	Aus Perez	University of Nebraska, Lincoln	BLA	\$5,000
2020	Holley Stringham	Utah State University	BLA	\$5,000
2019	Darby Buckley	University of Nebraska, Lincoln	BLA	\$5,000
2019	Eddy Gonzalez	Cal Poly, Pomona	BLA	\$5,000

2019	James Ryan	Kansas State University	MLA	\$5,000
2019	Nancy Valenzuela	Texas A&M University	BLA	\$5,000
2018	Quiana Dickson	The Pennsylvania State University	BLA	\$5,000
2018	Nathania Martinez	University of Florida	BLA	\$5,000
2018	Christian Moore	The Ohio State University	BLA	\$5,000
2017	Casey Frederick	Mississippi University	BSLA	\$5,000
2017	Alexis Griffin	University of Oregon	BLA	\$5,000
2017	Phillip Hammon	Texas A&M University	BLA	\$5,000
2016	Laura Pinto	Rutgers University	BLA	\$5,000
2016	Daniel Rodriguez	University of Florida	BLA	\$5,000
2016	Abbey Wallace	Mississippi State University	BLA	\$5,000
2015	Abdias Dalisma	University of Florida	BLA	\$4,000
2015	Rachel SantaOlalla	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	BLA	\$4,000
2015	Kelsey Steward	Kansas State University	MLA	\$4,000
2014	Donna Freeman	University of Arkansas	BLA	\$4,000
2014	Rikerrius Geter	University of Georgia	BLA	\$4,000
2014	Maria Munoz	Louisiana State University	BLA	\$4,000
2013	Tania Hernandez	Texas A&M University	BLA	\$4,000
2013	Quynh Pham	University of Georgia	BLA	\$4,000
2012	Vivian Castro	University of Florida	BLA	\$4,000
2012	Lynette Osinubi	University of Georgia	BLA	\$4,000
2011	Emmanuel Gomez	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	BLA	\$4,000
2011	Lucy Wang	University of Maryland	BLA	\$4,000
2010	Sefora Chavarria	Florida International University	BLA	\$4,000
2010	Zeina Zahalan	Rutgers University	BLA	\$4,000
2009	Emily Rothrock	Virginia Tech	BLA	\$4,000
2009	Sarah DaBoll Geurtz	University of Arkansas	BLA	\$4,000
2008	Yessenia Alvarez-Lopez	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	BLA	\$4,000
2008	Morai Helfen	University of Georgia	BLA	\$4,000
2007	Paul Cozzolino	Texas A&M University	BLA	\$4,000
2007	Elizabeth Han Lee	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	BLA	\$4,000
2006	Sahoko Yui	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	BLA	\$4,000
2006	Luke Kasitz	Temple University	BLA	\$4,000
2005	Maria Landoni de Rose	Cal Poly, Pomona	BLA	\$4,000
			Total:	\$252,000

SCHOLARSHIP ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT

ASLA Council of Fellows Scholarships Investment Report as of 12/31/22.
(Cash Basis)

Year Ending	12/31/2014	12/31/2015	12/31/2016	12/31/2017
Prior Year Balance*	\$341,496.57	\$342,039.12	\$345,266.48	\$415,159.10
YTD 1099 Int/Div	\$10,553.96	\$17,514.12	\$17,558.48	\$17,680.06
TD Realized Gain/(Loss)	\$9,529.57	\$4,136.78	(\$4,627.52)	\$21,623.03
YTD Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	(\$13,138.86)	(\$32,042.82)	\$41,164.78	\$33,234.59
Investment Fees	(\$4,462.12)	(\$5,165.09)	(\$5,165.09)	(\$4,271.19)
LAF Awards	(\$12,000)	(\$12,000)	(\$15,000)	(\$15,000)
LAF Management Fee	(\$2,000)	(\$2,000)	(\$2,000)	(\$1,000)
Contributions	\$12,060.00	\$34,489.98	\$37,961.97	\$27,692.68
Year-end Balance*:	\$342,039.12	\$345,266.48	\$415,159.10	\$495,118.27

Year Ending	12/31/2018	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021
Prior Year Balance*	\$495,118.27	\$516,380.90	\$620,327.07**	\$672,508.46
YTD 1099 Int/Div	\$15,160.29	\$17,301.73	\$16,903.86	\$20,813.08
TD Realized Gain/(Loss)	\$14,307.24	\$1,566.51	(\$4,318.34)	\$12,263.29
YTD Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	(\$49,566.40)	\$69,025.66	\$42,499.15	\$33,124.58
Investment Fees	(\$4,754.82)	(\$4,736.42)	(\$4,127.55)	(\$4,963.48)
LAF Awards	(\$15,000.00)	(\$20,000)	(\$20,000)	(\$25,000)
LAF Management Fee	(\$1,000.00)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)
Contributions	\$62,116.32	\$40,845.34	\$22,224.28	\$22,090.15
Year-end Balance*:	\$516,380.90	\$619,383.72	\$672,508.46	\$729,836.08

Year Ending	12/31/2022	12/31/2023	12/31/2024	12/31/2025
Prior Year Balance*	\$729,836.08	\$650,273.73		
YTD 1099 Int/Div	\$19,864.75	TBD		
TD Realized Gain/(Loss)	(\$3,333.97)	TBD		
YTD Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	(\$101,766.46)	TBD		
Investment Fees	(\$4,783.04)	TBD		
LAF Awards	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)		
LAF Management Fee	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)		
Contributions	\$46,514.72	\$19,847.81		
Year-end Balance*:	\$650,273.73	TBD		

*Note: Balances include pledge receivables, the current amount of pledges receivable (PR) = \$18,695.36. Pledges receivable are pledges made by donors that are scheduled to be paid over a specified time period per the pledge and do not represent actual money received. The total for pledges receivable will fluctuate year to year as pledges are paid (decreases PR, increases actual money received) and as new pledges are received (increases PR). The majority of Council of Fellows pledges are scheduled over a 3 year period, but can range from a year to 5+ years.

**2020 Column - Prior Year Balance: Final adjustments were made to LAF's 2019 Financial Statements by LAF's auditors and accountants after 2019 reports were sent to donors. The final adjustments caused an increase in the 2019 totals and this is reflected in the 2020 Column: "Prior Year Balance". Totals reflected in the "12/31/2019" column are what were sent to donors in 2019 prior to the final adjustments.