

ASLA Career Discovery and Diversity

It's Back-to-School Time!



In the coming weeks, school bells will be ringing and classrooms will be buzzing with learning adventures of all kinds.

Whether you're a parent of a child in grades K–12, an active ASLA member/chapter, or a retired landscape architect with a passion for the profession, there are many opportunities for you to introduce landscape architecture to young audiences in a school setting. Let ASLA Career Discovery and Diversity help you get started.

Do Your Homework!

- Acclimate yourself to ASLA's K–12 resources below and place your order for free copies of [YOUR LAND](#) now!
- Gain fresh insight on ways to inspire the next generation of landscape architects. See what staff at ASLA national and members across the country are up to at [#ASLACareerDiscovery](#) and ASLA LAND [Career Discovery News](#) and [Diversity and Inclusion](#).

Prepare

- Once you've identified a school, review their calendar and make note of special days like Career Day, STEM Expo Day, Grandparents Day, as well as Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, Women's History Month, and other national holidays! These are prime opportunities to showcase diversity, equity, and inclusion in the profession.
- Introduce yourself to teachers, librarians, and parent teacher association leaders (with ASLA resources in hand) and express your interest in bringing landscape architecture to their school community. Don't forget to leave your business card!
- Spread the word about [PARK\(ing\) Day](#) and collaborate with your local ASLA chapter to create a parklet, and don't worry if you miss the September 20th date. Parklet designs can be a learning project any time of the year!

In the Classroom

- General Rule of Thumb: Let the teacher guide you on school and classroom protocol.
- **Do not take pictures without permission.**
- The Landscape Architecture Foundation created a [K–12 outreach guide](#) with handy tips on finding schools, planning visits, and identifying topics.
- The six-minute [I Want to Be a Landscape Architect video](#) is a great way to get the attention of students before jumping into an activity.



Keep in Mind

- YOU ARE THE EXPERT.
- You have much to contribute to any classroom or outdoor learning experience.
- No one can articulate the excitement and value of landscape architecture better than a landscape architect.

Connect with ASLA Career Discovery and Diversity on Social Media

- Whenever you volunteer, share approved photos on ASLA Twitter @NationalASLA and tag [#ASLACareerDiscovery](#).
- Join the growing community of ASLA members and chapters showing their commitment to diversity and inclusion with [#iPledgeASLADiversity](#).

ASLA Resources

- Access ASLA's customizable [Career Discovery and Diversity PowerPoint Slides](#).
- Check out [ASLA's free classroom activities](#) aligned with national teaching standards.
- [Your Path to Landscape Architecture](#) hosts "Diverse Voices," two videos sharing unique perspectives from professionals in the field.
- [Tools for Teachers](#) includes lesson plans, case studies, and hands-on activities.
- [Activity Books](#) for kids, teens, and adults are available digitally in English and Spanish.
- [YOUR LAND](#) magazine is available digitally and in print upon request.

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