

# STUDENT CONNECT

ASLA Student Advisory Committee's Newsletter

For Student Members - By Student Members

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American Society of  
Landscape Architects

## National Conference

Have you ever attended an in-person national ASLA conference? If the answer is no, picture yourself sitting in a room listening to the landscape architects you have read so much about – endless hours scrolling through their portfolios online, admiring their design approaches, and using it as inspiration for your studio projects. Now, imagine yourself asking them questions and learning more about their professional experiences. Then, you will meet up with a landscape architect to review the physical copy of your portfolio and receive feedback. Afterward, did someone mention grabbing a bite to eat with the principals of your favorite firm or getting a cup of coffee with students from other universities? All this and so much more is possible at the ASLA 2021 Conference on Landscape Architecture in Nashville, Tennessee.

This year's conference is centered around **designing shared spaces**. Attendees will hear from industry leaders, lawmakers, top innovators, and visionary new voices on topics ranging from climate change and racial justice to business tips and policy concerns. You can also sign up to attend special events such as the ASLA EXPO reception featuring the Alumni Tailgate, ASLA Student and Professional Awards Ceremony, Women in Landscape Architecture Walk, The President's Dinner, and so many more.

If you are curious to learn more, follow along with ASLA President, Tom Mroz, on a long journey running from Detroit to the ASLA 2021 Conference in Nashville. So far, Tom has made 6 stops, including Ann Arbor, Detroit, Toledo, Maumee, Cleveland, and Chicago. Along his journey, Tom is learning more about speakers, members, and their local projects on his route to Nashville. [Keep watching Tom's Journey](#) to Nashville and meet him at the **#ASLA2021** Conference this November.

"What if I do want to meet ASLA President Tom Mroz in Nashville?", you may ask. The ASLA Fund is seeking donations to send as many ASLA Student Members as possible to the 2021 Conference on Landscape Architecture. Thanks to the generosity of your fellow landscape architects and sponsors, the event is **FREE** for a **limited** number of ASLA Student Members. First, you need to sign up to receive free student registration through ASLA's [google form document](#). You will then receive a unique code after filling out the google form to proceed with your free conference registration. As part of your free registration, **you may be asked to volunteer 4-6 hours** of your time. Volunteering is a great opportunity to get behind the scenes, see how the conference is run, and meet new people. You can also add it to your resume!

If you have any questions about the limited free registration or issues filling out your form, contact Judy Mehlman ([jmehlman@asla.org](mailto:jmehlman@asla.org)).

## How to explore Nashville, TN like a True Landscape Architect.

Once you get to Nashville, in between sessions, go out and explore what this city has to offer you. We have gathered the following list of projects for you to check out, sketch out, and enjoy with your friends. If you post pictures on Instagram, don't forget to let us know through **#studentasla** for a chance to get featured in this newsletter!

1. Riverfront Park
2. Country Music Hall of Fame
3. National Museum of African American Music
4. Fannie Mae Dees: the first accessible park to Tennessee.
5. The Parthenon
6. [Centennial Park](#)
7. Percy Warner Park
8. Stone River Greenway Trail
9. Shelby Bottoms Nature Center
10. [Lower Broadway](#)
11. Fort Negley Park
12. Music Row

We hope you are as excited as we are to meet in person at the ASLA 2021 Conference. Don't forget to register and pack your cowboy boots for an ultimate Nashville experience!

See you there,

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ASLA Student Advisory Committee Members

## REMINDER: ASLA Student Communities and Mentorship

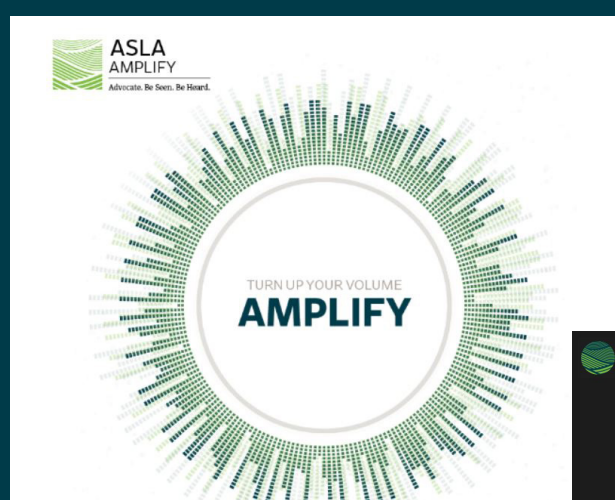
Don't forget to check out what the ASLA student membership has to offer you. ASLA now has a community portal for students to engage with each other online! Check out the links below to join different Community Forums and also explore the Mentorship Program and sign up for a mentor.

### [Student Communities](#)

Explore and discover the suggested communities or create new forums to enrich your experience and learning opportunities, connect over shared experiences or questions, and engage in discussions with your peers and industry leaders. Please, log in with your ASLA username.

### [ASLA Mentorship Program](#)

You now have the opportunity to determine your professional, academic, and personal goals as well as your mentorship timeframe. You can search for available mentors and pair up with the mentor whose goals align with yours. Please, log in with your ASLA username.



Show us how your ASLA student chapter is staying connected!

Use the hashtag **#studentASLA** on Instagram or email: [membership@asla.org](mailto:membership@asla.org) with pictures to be featured in our next newsletter!



## Looking Ahead

August 24-25, 2021 - [AMPLIFY a Virtual State Advocacy Summit \(FREE\)](#)  
September 23-24, 2021 - [DREAM BIG with Design](#)  
November 19-22, 2021 - [2021 ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture](#)

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