

Kara Swanick

Education

2014- Present The Pennsylvania State University

BLA Landscape Architecture
Minor in Geography

Experience + Notable Coursework

Summer 2017 Hess Landscape Architects Summer Internship

Creating construction details, base maps, and visual materials to assist construction and conceptualization of high end residential designs

Summer 2017 Barcelona Study Abroad

Analyzed coastal city ecology and responded with a conceptual solution to threats to the city and environment.

Awards

2017 Student Leadership Scholarship

Awarded to a student for contributions to the organization they lead, and the Penn State community

2017 Pashek, Lonnett & Buerkle Scholarship in Landscape Architecture

Awarded to a student with expressed passion for solving environmental issues through design

2016 Humphry Repton Creative Writing Scholarship

Celebrates the value of eloquent writing through short stories or other creative outlets

Skills + Language

Digital

AutoCAD
Adobe CS
Rhinoceros 3D
Sketchup
ArcGIS

Analog

Hand rendering
Sketching
Mixed media
Model making

Communication

Public speaking
Creative writing
Research
Technical writing
English

Professional Organizations

2014- Present ASLA Student Member

- Sustainable Design and Development Professional Practice Network
- Women In Landscape Architecture Professional Practice Network

Service + Leadership

ASLA Student Chapter: Landscape Architecture Student Society

- President 2017- 2018
- Communications Director 2016-2017
- LaBash Executive Director and LaBash Communications Director 2018
- Member 2014 - present

Arts and Architecture Student Ambassador 2016-2017

Coordinated and initiated tours and events which enhanced and celebrated collaboration across different disciplines within the College of Arts and Architecture

University Organizations

- Orchestrated and partook in fundraising events as a THON Committee member 2014-2017. "THON" is a THON is a student-run philanthropy committed to enhancing the lives of children and families impacted by childhood cancer.
- Penn State Homecoming Captain 2015-2016. Organized, promoted, and oversaw The Color Run at Penn State
- Fresh START day of service volunteer and leader 2014 - 2016