

Study: Green building advances structure resiliency

A new report by the US Green Building Council (USGBC) and the University of Michigan's Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, recently found that eco-friendly construction is not only energy efficient – it is also physically safer for its residents

Click here for more details!

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March 30 Last Day to Apply Now for the 2012 Architectural Scholarships

MAF awards scholarships annually to students who are completing their Bachelor Degree program and who have been accepted or are currently enrolled in a professional program leading to a Master of Architecture degree. Money has been raised from many activities and sources over many years to underwrite these scholarships, and the five awards have been named for the primary donors and/or supporters.

The scholarship awards for 2012 are as follows:

- AIA Michigan President's Scholarship (\$4,000)
- American Institute of Architect's Scholarship (\$1,500)
- Kenneth Neumann Design Scholarship (\$1,000 plus a summer internship with the firm Neumann/Smith Architecture in Southfield, MI)
- Professional Concepts Insurance Agency Scholarship (\$1,000)
- HED Alvin Ernest Harley AIAS Graduate Scholarship (\$1,000)
- John Banicki Scholarship (\$1,000)

Each student applicant is required to submit a completed application form, a full college transcript, a personal statement describing leadership, design, or community accomplishments, a copy of the student's design portfolio, three letters of reference, and a school cost and personal financial budget. The jury must take all information into consideration, but has discretion as to the weight of the categories of information.

Letters and posters are sent to all of the Schools of Architecture in Michigan to solicit applications from deserving students. The Deans are contacted to strengthen the communication between MAF and the schools.

Below are the different forms available, simply click them to download them.

- [Michigan Architectural Foundation 2012 Scholarship Application Requirements](#)
- [Michigan Architectural Foundation 2012 Scholarship Application \(Word File\)](#)
- [Michigan Architectural Foundation 2012 Scholarship Application \(on-line form\)](#)
- [Michigan Architectural Foundation 2012 Scholarship Poster \(PDF file\)](#)

Applications are due March 30, 2012.

Architectural Feature Story: Meadow Brook Hall joins list of National Historic Landmarks

A local architectural treasure on the Oakland University campus has been named one of 13 new National Historic Landmarks by the U.S. Department of Interior.

[Click here](#) for the Detroit News article and photos!

Feature: Citizen Architect Dawn Zuber, AIA

This is the second in our series of articles on Citizen Architects in Michigan. Because the profession of architecture donates time and expertise in public service roles, our communities benefit from the impact of this expertise in their government and development. Please submit suggestions for other Citizen Architects to info@michiganarchitecturalfoundation.org.



Dawn Zuber, of [Studio Z Architecture](#), has been working in architects' offices since 1986, and started Studio Z almost 15 years ago. While her experience includes residential, commercial, health care, entertainment, and retail architecture, she currently is focusing primarily on residential projects. Her remodeling projects and additions create a home that fits who her clients are. She accomplishes this through improving the use of the home, with minimal intervention, and maximizing sustainability through materials selection, insulation, and windows.

Dawn has served on the Canton Township Board of Appeals for five years. This board is responsible for resolving situations where property owners are planning a project that does not meet the zoning ordinances of the township. The board seeks compromises to make sure the zoning ordinances are upheld, and to promote aesthetics and safety in the community.

Dawn's experience as an architect has given her the ability to quickly understand issues brought to the board, and to help solve problems. She is part of a very knowledgeable group of individuals, many of whom also have experience in construction. "I've learned a lot by being on this board, and I have been able to help solve problems too – it's what I do for my clients!"

Serving in public leadership positions with this depth of understanding of the built environment demonstrates how architects can have a great impact on our communities as they continue to grow and evolve.

Feature: Lawrence Tech's Master of Urban Design in Sustainable Urbanism



The Master of Urban Design [m.U.D.] in Sustainable Urbanism is a post-baccalaureate Urban Design degree program within the College of Architecture and Design (CoAD) at Lawrence Tech. The m.U.D. is a 32 Credit Hour Master Degree which builds on existing courses, and can be completed in three (3) semesters. We welcome students with diverse undergraduate degrees and backgrounds! The program features a pedagogical and research emphasis that builds upon the University's commitment to its urban, suburban and Great Lakes Basin context. The m.U.D. is designed to develop a body of knowledge, skills, and experience in Urban Design with a focus on sustainable urbanism. This is a balanced and holistic systems approach to design and policy initiatives that address the complex environmental, economic, and social forces that effect global City + Regional form.

The Lawrence Tech Master of Urban Design program recognizes the critical need for understanding cities and aspires to design sustainable urban places that foster equity, joy and beauty. The Master of Urban Design synthesizes numerous disciplines including: architecture, planning, landscape, engineering, and sociology; in the context of classical, industrial, suburban, postindustrial and global cities, density is recognized as an asset.

The demand for urban designers is projected to grow, because urbanization is a worldwide trend in the 21st century. It is estimated that 75 percent of the world's population will live in cities by 2050, so studying urbanism now will prepare you for the world of tomorrow!

You can find more information about this exciting program by contacting Program Coordinator, Constance Bodurow at 248.204.2886 or cbodurow@ltu.edu.

Visit our website at: https://www.ltu.edu/architecture_and_design/urbandesign_curriculum.asp

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Michigan Architectural Foundation is dedicated to the promotion, perpetuation and preservation of architecture as a fine art. By serving as a visible resource for funding, information and educational programs, we increase the public's appreciation for architecture, which encourages cohesive, sustainable communities, increasing economic value, enriching experiences and adding beauty.