



EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

January 2021



Photo: Amenta Emma staff at the 2020 AIA Connecticut Bowling Invitational hosted by the Emerging Professionals Community.

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WELCOME TO OUR PREMIER ISSUE!

Start the year off on the right foot by joining the Emerging Professionals Knowledge Community! Listen, we've all had a lackluster 2020 so why not ensure that this year we do it right? Want to meet new people? Check. Want to participate in fun events? We've got 'em. Dusting off those old textbooks to finally take those exams? Let us help! The Emerging Professionals Community is a growing group of peers in the AEC industry that range from right out of college to several years after obtaining licensure. Our main objective is to help you pursue personal and professional growth by providing resources that afford social, educational, and cultural opportunities.

We have hosted tons of amazing events in the past, such as our Bowling Invitational, networking happy hours, firm tours, and ARE discussions and classes. You can check out what we're up to this year right here in our newsletter and by following us on our [Instagram page](#) @aiacconnecticut_ep

The only way for us to cater to what YOU want and need is to join our discussion! Come be a part of our monthly virtual meetings to help plan future events that you see as beneficial to our AEC community.

Our next meeting is on February 17, 2021, from 4-5pm. Reach out to Maria Nazarko at mnazarko@aiact.org to get next month's invite and be a part of something created by designers for designers!

We look forward to seeing you!

Tom Barker, Assoc. AIA & Alison DiVenere, Assoc. AIA
2021 EP Co-Chairs



UPCOMING EVENTS



2021 NAPKIN SKETCH

Entries due: February 29, 2021 by 5pm

The AIA Connecticut Emerging Professionals Community invites you to participate in our February Napkin Sketch competition! Participants can enter (1) sketch in each of the following categories: *Free Sketch* and *Your Happy Place*. Looking to get creative? We are encouraging contributors to think outside of the napkin box and draw on other everyday items such as a coffee cup or facemask! Winners will be judged based off a popular vote and social media vote so be sure to [follow us on Instagram](#). [Enter your sketch here!](#)



EP PERSPECTIVES: FROM ACADEMIA TO THE WORKFORCE

March 17, 2021 | 12:45-1:55pm | Save the Date!

Join us in this panel discussion to hear unique perspectives from panelists who have taken varied paths following their architectural education. Hear their take on internships, choosing a firm, navigating early career challenges, and give advice about the steps to setting your career up for success. Stay tuned for more information and to register!



NOMAct MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

NOMAct's Mentorship Program provides an opportunity for architects, design professionals, and students to broaden their perspectives, be empowered, and develop their professional skills. As we believe mentorship is valuable at all stages of one's career, this program offers mentorships from working professional to student, and from working professional to working professional.

If you are interested in being a mentor or mentee, or would like additional information, [click here](#).

2019 Napkin Sketch winners (Top to Bottom)

1st Place: Nasim Rowshan of Newman Architects; 2nd Place: Brian Baril of Enterprise Builders;
3rd Place: Brian Varano of Silver Petrucelli + Associates, Inc.

NCARB & ARE EXAM UPDATES

-Effective December 14th, 2020 NCARB has unrolled the [flexibility of online testing](#).

-NCARB has [removed the scratch paper option](#) for both online and in-person testing. The Whiteboard tool takes its place with options to "take notes, outline potential solutions, and more..."

-[Exam rates](#) will be reduced starting January 1st, 2021.



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2021 Co-Chairs:

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