2023 ARE Scholarship Thesis Statement and Essay
In an essay of 300 words or less please describe the ways you hope to bring AIA Minnesota core values – Authenticity, Equity, Collaboration, and Integrity – to bear in your work as a licensed architect.

Thesis Statement
Architecture has the power to create change and improve our everyday experience with the utilization of the four AIA Minnesota core values of Authenticity, Equity, Collaboration, and Integrity. Integrating these four core values in my architectural profession, I will be able to create a positive impact on future clients, teams, and the future of the world.

Essay
As a licensed architect, it is our duty to create a healthy and sustainable team environment while moving forward in the world of architecture. While leading teams and working on projects, it is integral that we utilize our shared values of Authenticity, Equity, Collaboration, and Integrity in our work.

Although authenticity can be defined in various forms, I am fond to the idea of being authentic to a project's mission by producing what I say will be brought to the table. I hope to create holistic design solutions to improve the quality of lives as it is an important key to our everyday experience. Taking on projects from clients who share same values as me, without letting greed (money and power) get in the way of doing so. Before we are architects, we are humans, and we tend to let greed take away our purpose in life in order to achieve something faster or take the easy way out. This is where integrity comes in. When placed in a situation like this, we need to remind ourselves of our core values and how the decision you make can impact the world.

When receiving my architecture license, I want to make sure that the projects and teams that I am a part of are receiving what they need in order to be successful. Also understanding the core issues to every client and projects to produce an effective plan as they will require different kinds of attention and directions. This is how I define equity. Additionally, when working with like-minded individuals who share same goals and visions, collaboration is very significant. With collaboration, it gives you the opportunity to share the most effective methods of problem solving which then will lead us to finding the most optimal solutions and successful projects.