



Investing in Excellence, Leadership, Discovery and Equity in the profession of Architecture.

## 2018 Minnesota Architectural Foundation Annual Report

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation benefits the community by funding crucial growth opportunities that educate, inspire, and support emerging architects. Through its scholarship and fellowship programs, the MAF invests in architectural students to promote **excellence**, encourage **discovery**, foster **equity** and advance **leadership** in the architectural profession.

During 2018, the Foundation gave out over \$30,000 in scholarships and fellowships to support the future of our profession.

The **Thomas F. Ellerbe Scholarship** was endowed in 1981 by the Ellerbe firm in honor of Thomas F. Ellerbe, FAIA. This fund annually awards two or more scholarships to exemplary architectural and engineering students in the final year of their master's program. For the past several years, this scholarship has been enhanced through a special gift of \$1,000 from AIA's Component Scholarship Grant program. There were three student-recipients of scholarships this year: Pratibha Chauhan, Kyrshanbor Hynniewta, and Joseph Mills.

First awarded in 1989, the **Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Fellowship** honors Ralph Rapson, FAIA. On the basis of a weekend juried design competition, this partially endowed fellowship awards young Minnesota architectural graduates or practitioners a stipend to advance their education in architecture through foreign or domestic travel-study. The Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Fellowship has provided \$260,000 in funds since 1989 to advance 24 individual's education in architecture through foreign or domestic travel-study. The Rapson Fellowship Competition was held in March. Five finalists were selected from a field of 53 entries. The jury awarded the fellowship to Shida Du, AIA. Shida intends to travel in China and India.

Created in 1992 as the Minority Architectural Scholarship, this fund was renamed the **Clarence Wigington Minority Architectural Scholarship** to recognize the extraordinary professional and civic accomplishments of the first African American municipal architect in the United States and the first licensed African American architect in Minnesota. This fund provides tuition scholarships to minority students who wish to pursue a professional education in architecture in Minnesota, and who hold promise for succeeding in an architectural career. For the past several years, this scholarship has been enhanced through a special gift of \$1,000 from AIA's Component Scholarship Grant program. The Clarence W. Wigington Minority Scholarship has provided tuition scholarships for eight students of color since its inception. This spring the Wigington Scholars Savannah Steele, Assoc. AIA and Jessica Holmes, Assoc. AIA graduated with Master's degrees from the University of

Minnesota. Jordan Strickland was named a new Wigington Scholar starting her graduate work at the University of Minnesota this fall.

The **Beverly E. Hauschild-Baron Leadership Fund** was established in 2001 to recognize Beverly Hauschild-Baron's 25 years of service to AIA Minnesota. Its purpose is to help develop ongoing leadership for AIA Minnesota by providing financial support for AIA Minnesota members and AIA Minnesota staff pursuing leadership training. The Beverly Hauschild-Baron Leadership Fund has sponsored or co-sponsored the Friday Keynote here at the Conference for the past 10 years and supports other leadership opportunities for emerging leaders in our profession. The speaker at the keynote address for the 2018 Conference is Bryan Lee, founding organizer of the Design Justice Platform.

In 2018 the MAF launched the Women in Architecture Fund. This fund will provide grants to support opportunities for women in the profession of architecture through a grant application process. Grant requests could include; scholarships to address barriers to licensure, pilot projects focused on addressing barriers to women advancing in the profession, research grants focused on better understanding barriers and testing potential solutions or programs specific to attracting and retaining women of color. This fund will have an entrepreneurial spirit, whereby applicants will submit proposals with their ideas on how best to achieve the goals of the fund. We hope to raise funds for an opening corpus of \$100,000.

The MAF fundraising efforts are vital to our mission. Thank you to all who have supported the MAF through your generous and tax-deductible contributions. Please visit our website, [www.MinnesotaArchitecturalFoundation.org](http://www.MinnesotaArchitecturalFoundation.org) for more information on our funds, scholars and mission.

Sincerely,

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2018 MAF Board President