

Dani Dives In

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Benefits of Using SDA Community

I was quarantine-bored a few months ago & decided it was time I sat down to give SDA Community an honest effort. Thanks to the San Antonio Chapter leadership who were already involving themselves on the platform, I was interested in it & had it on my to-do list. I thought, what better time than now to knock it out?

I started with my Profile (of course my first move was to pop in a nice profile pic) just to get my bearings & make sure my profile information was up to date. That way, anyone interacting with me would know I was part of the San Antonio chapter & what kind of design firm I work for. Jump forward to today, I've been able to use & post on SDA Community for a few months now & here are a few of the awesome benefits I have found it provides.

It's very easy to network with SDA Members all over the US. Using My Feed is an easy way to get your thoughts out in the community while inviting others to interact with your statements. It's great for networking specifically because people will see your posts & associate your name/photo with SDA– so it's a great source of credibility & it creates a common ground that sort of already breaks the ice for you. The more you post on My Feed, the more people will recognize you & your firm. Posting will get you halfway there, but interactions are where the magic happens. As you converse with other Members you can gain insight into other Admin's experience, or it can also be a lighthearted opportunity for comradery among other SDA Members.

SDA Community is a great source of reliable information presented in a variety of ways. My Feed is one of the ways, but Forums are the real go-to discussion spot for more bona fide collaboration. Posting a question/problem, or interacting in a Forum to help someone else on their issue, elevates your effort from just networking to a more meaningful interaction where you can actually gain & give solid advice. Now when you want to get into the weeds about a topic, you can directly message people to take your back & forth off the Forum Comments. Messages are also a great way to keep your conversation stored where you can find it easily for future reference.

Now I know what you're thinking, nobody needs more profiles to keep track of BUT…I will differentiate SDA Community from the rest because of the people behind the profiles. This platform is not full of random people, but quite the opposite. It's filled with people we can all relate to; we all have two things in common – being an Administrator & being an SDA Member.