

For 2018–2019, the AIAS is encouraging its members to tackle the theme of “Success Seeking” in two ways. First, our chapters are urged to “Fall: Inward” by drastically increasing their member value and creating avenues for members to find their own paths to success. Second, we want them to “Spring: Outward” by promoting “Success Seeking: Outward.” Now that we have had a chance to **LOOK IN**, it is time to **ACT OUT!**

At the national level we’re tackling the theme through the following:

- **Advocacy.** We have created three new task forces—Health and Wellness, Equity and Diversity, and Resiliency—to provide more platforms for our members to speak up and advocate important issues. We hope that these and other advocacy tools will increase the legitimacy/public awareness of AIAS as the core voice for architecture students and empower them to go beyond their requirements as a student.
- **Collateral collaboration and opportunities.** Each collateral is uniquely situated to represent and serve a particular membership body, but the lines separating the intended audiences are blurring more and more every day. We need to work together to understand the skills and resources of each collateral and avoid reinventing a wheel that is already being tackled by another organization
- **Emphasizing our strengths.** By strengthening our position within the architecture world, we will reinforce the view of AIAS as a strong and agile organization of student leaders
- **Bridging the gap between the academic and professional worlds of architecture.** The AIAS has a number of programs and initiatives that address this, including I Want to Work In (IWTWI), Ask an Architect, CRIT Live/Thrive, and CRIT Scholar.

In addition to this year’s theme, the AIAS is proud to share the following updates:

- **International expansion.** We have two new regions: AIAS Middle East and AIAS Latin America. Each region will have a regional ambassador to facilitate communication between chapters in these regions and the national Board of Directors. Following on the success of our first international conference in Dubai last year, we will host the second international conference in Beirut in 2019.
- **NAAB Accreditation Review Forum 2019 priorities.** The AIAS is excited to use the forum to reinforce studio culture in new and monumental ways. We want to focus on the issue of balance between rigor in education and the health and well-being of students. We also want to emphasize the importance of AIAS in academic environments as a vehicle for student change, advocacy, and personal and collective growth.
- **Value of licensure.** We’re expanding our PASS scholarship with new fund-raising initiatives and a campaign geared toward demystifying the ARE 5.0 process, from a recent graduate’s perspective.

Finally, the AIAS is proud to share how we will be working with the collaterals in the year to come:

- **Expansion of NCARBxAIAS partnership for FBD.** NCARB continues to be an incredible resource for our Freedom by Design program, providing grant funding for materials and resources and increasing our ability to provide opportunities for engagement between NCARB member board members and local FBD chapter projects.
- **New frontier for ACSAxAIAS collaboration.** Research has grown as a priority within the AIAS, and we’re working with ACSA to create joint scholarship and research opportunities that are bound to be impactful to our members.

- **AIA Conference and engagement opportunities.** The exceptional collaboration with the collaterals at A'18 has only inspired us to push this further. A'19 will again include a joint event with emerging professionals, as well as a session highlighting local collaboration efforts between AIAS chapters and AIA components to showcase the benefits of such partnerships. We're continuing to work with AIA staff to make strategic plans for how to execute these and other goals.