AIA Michigan

Young Architect Message

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Hello + Happy Start of Summer!

I hope to see everyone at A'25 in Boston! We saw some awesome presentations and even gained some CEU's along the way!

This year I was fortunate enough to work with the Young Architect's Forum, Large Firm Round Table, and Small Firm Exchange to help put on the Taking Care of Business session on Wednesday. This year's topic was focused around the theme of entrepreneurship. Are you wondering if it's time to advance or start your own business? Join the Young Architects Forum at AIA25 for an interactive session to learn from CEOs and industry leaders from the Large Firm Round Table, discussing career growth, starting your own practice, and business development.

Did you know that every month, the Young Architect's Forum (YAF) puts together a publication Now Ya Know? - Well if you didn't, now ya know! Here is the link for May's Edition.

AIA National also just announced the call for Volunteers for several positions, including a few of the Young Architect Award Advisory Board Positions.

Have you previously attended the Women's Leadership Summit? The Women's Leadership Summit, founded by AIA, is a premier event that brings together the industry's largest network of diverse women who are breaking down barriers, making themselves visible, and manifesting the careers they want—while making a difference in the world. The summit is from November 3-5, and the conference is in Atlanta this year!

Are you in the process of getting licensed, or did you recently get licensed? Feel free to reach out! I would love to hear from anyone going through the licensure process. I'm happy to give tips, tricks, or even lend an ear to hear the struggles young architects face. If you see an issue with the licensure process, say something! Odds are you're not the only one who is struggling with it.

Cheers! - Trent Schmitz