



Young Architect's Message

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Hello + Happy Spring!

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 February's Edition.

The Now Ya Know Issue usually recaps the month, so February's issue talks about all kinds of things, including the Future Forward Grant! Are you an early career professional interested in testing new ideas that disrupt the traditional idea of practice? If so – check it out and apply! February's Edition also has an open call to participate in the newest Connection Article, as well as a link to the previous version. The Young Architect's Forum will also be hosting an open mic night where you can learn more about the national committee and their 2023 priorities.

This month the Michigan AIA Team attended AIA's Leadership Summit 2023! This year was hosted in DC and consisted of four days of vital leadership training designed to help you be an effective leader in your chapter, firm, and community. During the four days, we were also able to visit capitol hill to participate in Lobby Day and talk about two important bills. Want to learn more about Lobby Day 2023? Check out this [link](#).

Want to learn even more about some of the bills the AIA is supporting? [Here](#) is a link where you can see the current documents, as well as letter templates to send to your congress people.

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!

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