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Hello + Happy Fall!

I hope everyone is settling into the new season nicely! It was so great to see everyone at the celebration of architecture! It was a great evening celebrating a lot of great local projects and people!

Each quarter the Young Architects Forum also puts out their own publication called Connection, and Q3's edition is out now! [Here is a link](#) to the new edition!

This edition focuses on Educating for Impact. Education is highlighted at all levels. With experts from across the world, educational initiatives are explored in various lenses, from K-12 outreach programming, university partnerships, professional development opportunities, and diverse pathways to fellowship.

Are you a young architect looking for mentorship? The Young Architect's Forum (YAF) and College of Fellows (COF) Align Mentorship program is a result of a long-standing partnership between the YAF and COF. The program is a long-range initiative that connects young architects with AIA Fellows to facilitate professional and leadership development. If you are interested be sure to [apply here](#).

Are you interested in volunteering with the AIA? AIA offers various volunteer opportunities to support your growth and development. National committees are a great way to stretch your leadership, and to connect the work of members and others to the AIA Strategic Plan. [Get involved here](#).

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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