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2013 Olmsted Scholars



Meet this year's elite group of 67 top student leaders, including the 2 winners and 6 finalists for the national awards. [More](#)

Scholarship Winners



This year, LAF awarded \$39,500 to ten outstanding students through the Leadership in Landscape Scholarship Program. [More](#)

Landscape Performance Series



The Avenue
Washington, DC
This mixed-use transit-oriented development treats and reuses stormwater onsite with a system that includes green roofs and an elegant water feature. [See Case Study Brief](#)

Fast Fact Library
A study of 85 office buildings in Cleveland found 7% higher rental rates for commercial offices with landscapes rated highly for their aesthetic value and shade. [More Fast Facts](#)

LPS on the Road

We're taking a travel break after presentations at 24 venues from Long Beach to St. Louis, Austin to Boston.

If you would like to schedule a webinar to learn more about landscape performance and the LPS resources (and earn CEUs) contact lps@lafoundation.org.

Special Thanks

Thomas C. and Gerry D. Donnelly

LAF thanks Tom and Gerry Donnelly for their recent five-year commitment to support the *Olmsted Scholars Program* and the next generation of leaders in landscape architecture. Tom served on the LAF Board from 2008 to 2011, including two years as Vice President of Development, where his leadership greatly contributed to LAF's growth. Tom is currently the President of ValleyCrest Landscape Companies.

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"There is no question that these are inspiring ambassadors who will advance the profession."

– 2013 Olmsted Scholar Juror

If you are looking for some hope and inspiration at the end of Landscape Architecture Month, link through to the brief bios of this year's Olmsted Scholars and scholarship winners. It's a fitting finale to Landscape Architecture Month and a preview into the future of landscape architecture. LAF is honored to recognize their accomplishments and future promise!



Barbara Deutsch
Executive Director

2013 National Olmsted Scholars

Winners of the \$25,000 and New \$15,000 Awards

Leann Andrews, a graduate student at the University of Washington, and McKenzie Wilhelm, an undergraduate at the Ohio State University, were selected as the 2013 National Olmsted Scholars. This year marks the first that LAF has offered separate recognition and awards for graduate and undergraduate students.



Also honored are six National Olmsted Scholar Finalists, who each receive a \$1,000 award:

- Jose Alvarez, Florida International University
- Tina Chee, University of Southern California
- Graham Prentice, University of Pennsylvania
- Zachary Barker, State University of New York
- Pamela Blackmore, Utah State University
- Eliza Rodrigs, University of Massachusetts, Amherst



An independent jury of leaders in the landscape architecture profession selected the winners and finalists from a group of 39 graduate and 28 undergraduate students who were nominated by their faculty for being exceptional student leaders. These top students earned the designation of 2013 University Olmsted Scholars and join the growing community of 243 past and present Olmsted Scholars . [Read More](#)

New Landscape Performance Track at CELA

LAF to Co-Chair Rising Topic of Interest

The Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA) has announced that it will offer a new "Landscape Performance" track at its annual conference, starting in 2014. The decision reflects the explosion in interest and number of proposals related to landscape performance that CELA has seen in recent years. LAF will co-chair the new track, which joins ten other track categories used to organize the conference sessions and papers. "The new track will help ensure that the latest research and thinking on landscape performance is a regular part of the dialogue at the CELA conference," said CELA Vice President of Research Ming-Han Li, PhD, PE, PLA. [Read More](#)



LAF Receives Two Grants for 2013 CSI Program

NEA and Driehaus Foundation Support CSI Research

LAF recently received two grants to support the 2013 Case Study Investigation (CSI) program. The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation has granted \$10,000 to support three Chicago-area projects that are being documented: Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Jackson Park and the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry's Smart Home: Green + Wired . For the second year in a row, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has supported the CSI program with a \$25,000 Art Works grant. LAF is one of only 50 nonprofit organizations throughout the country recommended to receive an NEA Art Works grant in the Design category. [Read More](#)



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2013 Scholarships Coordinator

Thank You and Best Wishes, Leslie!

Each scholarship season, LAF hires a Scholarships Coordinator to manage the applications, inquiries, juries, and assist with communications for the *Olmsted Scholars Program* and *Leadership in Landscape Scholarships*. This year's coordinator, Leslie Johnson, had two additional challenges: learning the new online application system and working around the LAF office move, which occurred the day that Olmsted Scholar submissions were due. We thank Leslie for her flexibility and ability to figure things out. Her time at LAF has inspired her to consider pursuing a master's in landscape architecture and she is currently looking for internship or job shadowing opportunities.

