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Olmsted Scholars

2014 OLMSTED SCHOLARS



Meet this year's elite group of 75 top student leaders, including the 2 winners and 6 finalists for the national awards. [More](#)

Scholarship Winners



LAF awarded \$41,500 to ten outstanding students through the 2014 *Leadership in Landscape Scholarship Program*. [More](#)

Landscape Performance Series



Boneyard Creek Restoration
Champaign, Illinois
This detention basin provides 100-year flood protection within an amenity-filled park that links downtown and the University of Illinois with open space and trails.
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Fast Fact Library
Elderly residents in a geriatric home had increased powers of concentration after a visit to a garden compared to relaxing in a favorite room indoors.
[More Fast Facts](#)

Special Thanks



EDSA has been a long and committed supporter of LAF's scholarship programs. In 1990, the firm established the endowed EDSA Minority Scholarship, which to date has awarded over \$55,000 to 20 landscape architecture students. In 2008, EDSA became a Founding Sponsor for the *Olmsted Scholars Program*, providing leadership to establish the program and critical financial support for the annual \$25,000, \$15,000, and \$1,000 awards.

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**"It's been such an honor to be privy to some of the most amazing minds in our landscape architecture programs."
-- 2014 Olmsted Scholars Juror**

As Landscape Architecture Month draws to a close, we have two big announcements to share. First, we are delighted to announce our 2014 Olmsted Scholars, including the \$25,000 and \$15,000 national winners. Second, we just released the video recording of our overwhelmingly popular Practice-Based Research webinar, which you can watch for free at any time to earn continuing education credit. We hope these amazing students and innovative practitioners will leave you inspired, energized, and focused on the future.



Barbara Deutsch
Executive Director

2014 National Olmsted Scholars

Winners of LAF's \$25,000 and \$15,000 Awards

Sara Zewde, a master's student at Harvard University, and Erin Percevault, an undergraduate at Louisiana State University, were selected as the 2014 National Olmsted Scholars and winners of the \$25,000 and \$15,000 awards. Also honored are six National Olmsted Scholar Finalists, who each receive \$1,000:

- VeraEve Giampietro, University of Washington
- Harriett Jameson, University of Virginia
- Anneliza Kaufer, University of Pennsylvania
- Viviana Castro, University of Florida
- Clemente Rico, Arizona State University
- Blythe Worstell, Ohio State University



Sara Zewde, \$25,000 graduate winner



Erin Percevault, \$15,000 undergraduate winner

An independent jury of leaders in the landscape architecture profession selected the winners and finalists from a group of 45 graduate and 30 undergraduate students nominated by their faculty for being exceptional student leaders. These top students earned the designation of 2014 University Olmsted Scholars and join the growing community of over 300 past and present Olmsted Scholars. [Read More](#)

Practice-Based Research Webinar Video Recording Available to Earn LA CES PDHs

Video recordings and transcripts are now available from our 3/20 webinar on Practice-Based Research. View it any time to earn 1.0 Professional Development Hours (PDHs) through the Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System (LA CES). From Design Workshop's measurement tools backpack to SmithGroupJJR's WaterScore metric to OLIN's Knowledge Base, learn why, how, and what these firms are investing in to set performance objectives, gather baseline data, evaluate performance of built projects, disseminate to their clients, and use in their marketing and advocacy efforts. [Learn More](#)



Grantors Continue Their Support of CSI 2014 Awards from NEA and Driehaus Foundation

LAF received two grants to support the 2014 Case Study Investigation (CSI) program. For the second year in a row, the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation granted \$10,000 to support the study of three Chicago-area projects: Palmisano Park/Stearns Quarry, Sarah E. Goode STEM Academy, and the Morton Arboretum's Meadow Lake Restoration. For three straight years, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has supported the CSI program with an Art Works grant, increasing the 2014 award amount to \$30,000. LAF is one of only 51 groups and organizations throughout the country recommended to receive an NEA Art Works grant in the Design category. [Learn More](#)



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ne.gov

LAF is Hiring

Two Full-Time Positions Available in Washington, DC

The Landscape Architecture Foundation has two full-time position openings with start dates in early summer. The Programs Manager will support LAF's *Landscape Performance Series* initiatives, offering a first-hand opportunity to guide transformative research and promote the "next practices" in sustainable design. The Office Manager will provide administrative management and support, offering a unique opportunity for a multi-talented individual to grow with the organization. [Learn More](#)