

## **AIAS to Honor Top 60 Students for 60th Anniversary**

Washington, DC – September 19, 2016 – In celebration of the organization’s 60th anniversary, the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) is proud to present AIAS Imagine: Top 60-at-60. This new honor will showcase the top 60 AIAS members and will culminate in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to engage with Walt Disney Imagineers on May 19-21, 2017 in Orlando, Fla.

The program seeks to identify the top AIAS students in all years of architecture school, including fifth year and graduate students. Alumni members are encouraged to apply, but priority will be given to current students in the Fall 2016 Semester.

AIAS Imagine will kick off with a full day of strategic planning centered on how to position the AIAS for success in the next 60 years. On Friday evening, AIAS and Walt Disney Imagineering will co-host a weekend of design process exploration. Honorees will be able to participate in a series of lectures, workshops and tours that highlights Walt Disney Imagineering’s unique approach to design.

There is no event registration fee for award winners, as this is an exclusive event put on specifically for the benefit of the honorees. Award winners wishing to attend will need to fund their own travel, meals and accommodations. A group rate has been reserved at the Hilton Lake Buena Vista, adjacent to Disney Springs. All programming will take place at the hotel or in and around Disney Springs.

Application details will be available at [aias.org](http://aias.org). The deadline to apply is November 20 at 11:59 pm ET. Winners will be announced in December at AIAS FORUM in Boston.

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### **About the AIAS**

The American Institute of Architecture Students is a non-profit, student-run organization dedicated to programs, information and resources on issues critical to architecture and the experience of education. For more information, visit [www.aias.org](http://www.aias.org) or call Natalie Neumann at (202) 808-0173.

### **About Walt Disney Imagineering**

Walt Disney Imagineering (WDI) is the creative force that imagines, designs and builds all Disney theme parks, resorts, attractions and cruise ships worldwide. Imagineering’s unique strength comes from its diverse global team of creative and technical professionals who build on Disney’s legacy of storytelling to pioneer new forms of entertainment.