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AIAS LEADERS APPROVE NEW VISION STATEMENT

Washington, DC – July 26, 2017 – The American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) is pleased to announce that the 2016-2017 AIAS Board of Directors voted to approve an amended vision statement and add six value statements to the mission and vision statement of the organization. The 2017-2018 Council of Presidents then ratified this decision at their Grassroots meeting.

Last year, the AIAS Board of Directors voted on the new mission statement, which was revised to address the organization's objectives and approach to reach those objectives.

AIAS MISSION: To advance leadership, design, and service among architecture students.

This year, the work of the 2017 AIAS Governance Committee was to look into the vision statement—the forward-thinking goal of why the organization “advances leadership, service, and design”.

Because of this work, the Governance Committee came up with an amended vision statement and six different value statements which would lead the organization forward in a timeless manner. These value statements reflect our programs, events, initiatives, and culture that can help tell the story of an AIAS member.

AIAS VISION: Empowering voices, ideas, and actions for the future.

AIAS VALUE STATEMENTS:

- **IMPACT** – We advocate for and enact positive change.
- **COMMUNITY** – We foster an inclusive network of peers that learn from, support, and drive one another.
- **GROWTH** – We inspire students to reach their greatest potential through meaningful learning opportunities.
- **PASSION** – We pursue large goals and aspirations through each member's enthusiasm.
- **PERSPECTIVE** – We link the profession's opportunities to architectural education.
- **BALANCE** – We promote respectful relationships, an environment of diversity, and a thriving studio culture.

2016-2017 National President Sarah Wahlgren remarked, "The new vision statement is both future-oriented and relevant to the current mission of AIAS. It will guide the organization to think about why we do what we do and keep us looking forward to the legacy we want to leave for those who come after us".



The About page of the AIAS website and marketing materials will now include this structure to succinctly explain what the AIAS stands for and to promote the value and story of an AIAS member.

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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 aias.org or call Kimberly Tuttle at (202) 808-0036.