



**DOMINIC A. ARMENDARIZ**, AIAS, ASSOC. AIA  
candidate packet : 2019-2020 AIAS NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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16 November 2018

**Keshika De Saram, AIAS, Assoc. AIA**

*2018-2019 Past President & Elections Chair*

*American Institute of Architecture Students*

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Dear Past President Keshika De Saram,

Please accept this letter as a declaration of my intent to campaign for the position of the 63rd President of the American Institute of Architecture Students. From the moment that I joined the AIAS the organization has been an essential aspect of my development that I cannot separate from my educational experience. Through this journey, I have had the good fortune to meet many talented, inspiring individuals from around the world, collaborating to further the progression of this Institute that we all love. Serving now on the National Board of Directors, representing the West Quad, has given me a greater perspective of the organization and the profession. It has allowed me to interact more closely with our passionate chapter leaders as they create programming that is responsive to the needs of their peers and promotes the role of design within their community. Their tireless commitment, tenacious pursuit of excellence, and resolute belief in the tenants of the AIAS has compelled me to seek new ways of supporting their efforts. For this reason, I have decided to submit my name for consideration for President of the Institute and Chairman of the Board.

Serving as the Chapter President at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, I came to realize the effect that the organization can have at the local level, addressing issues that are pertinent to the academic and professional communities. Through my interactions with the National Board of Directors, I understood the impact that the efforts of our local components have on the National organization. Serving on the Board, and as the Liaison to the National Governance Committee and the Council of Global Representatives, has allowed me to gain an understanding of the diverse tones of our membership and the governing structure of the organization. These experiences have prepared me to continue my service as an Officer of the AIAS.

The National Organization and our chapters co-exist, supporting each other and connected by our common mission of advancing leadership, design, and service. This relationship between local student organizations and an International Institute with over 60 years of legacy, draws thousands of students each year to add their own chapter to our story. I hope to use my platform as a National Officer to ensure that the entire global design community comes to know and value what this organization has become. Enhancing the global visibility and accessibility of the AIAS, while displaying a message that reflects the nature of our diverse membership, is key to begin setting our organization up for continued success.

Joining this organization has been the best decision that I made during my college career and I will continue to advocate for it after graduation. I am humbled and honored to be campaigning alongside the finest leaders and designers for the chance to serve my fellow AIAS members and steward our organization at the highest level. Thank you for taking your time to review this packet and for this incredible opportunity.

Sincerely,



**Dominic A. Armendariz, AIAS, Assoc. AIA**

*2018-2019 Director, West Quadrant | American Institute of Architecture Students*

*Bachelor of Science, Architecture Candidate | University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

*Design Associate | SH Architecture*

CANDIDATE FOR 2019-2020 NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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## EDUCATION

2014-Present

### **University of Nevada, Las Vegas - Paradise, NV.**

*Bachelor of Science, Architecture | Expected Graduation - Spring 2019*

*Business Administration Minor | University Honors College*

*GPA - 3.74*

2010-2014

### **Bishop Gorman High School - Las Vegas, NV.**

*Graduated with Honors*

## WORK EXPERIENCE

2016-Present

### **SH Architecture - Las Vegas, NV.**

*Design Associate | AXP Hours: 1880*

- Collaborate on a team of over 30 professionals, across offices in three states, to deliver sustainable design solutions.
- Work on design development, construction documentation, client relations, marketing, project manual and construction phase services.
- Work on large and small-scale projects in the educational, hospitality, mixed-use, commercial and residential sectors.

## LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

2018-Present

### **AIAS National Board of Directors**

*Director, West Quadrant | 2018-2019*

- Represents the interests the 53 Chapters of the West Quad on the Board.
- Serves as the primary source of communication between the National Office and the students of the West Quad.
- Ensures chapters have access to helpful resources that support their efforts.
- Votes on issues that pertain to the governance of the AIAS such as the national budget, amendments to governing documents and leadership appointments.

2016-Present

### **AIAS National Committees**

*Liaison to the Board of Directors | 2018-2019 Governance Committee*

- Represents the committee on the Board of Directors.

*Liaison to the Board of Directors | 2018-2019 Council of Global Representatives*

- Represents the committee on the Board of Directors.

*Member | 2017-2018 Finance Committee*

*Member | 2016-2017 Finance Committee*

2015-Present

### **AIAS UNLV Chapter**

*Past President & Director of K-12 Outreach | 2017-2018*

*President | 2016-2017*

- Served as the head of the chapter, working with Executive Board to develop and execute the annual strategic plan and programming within budgetary constraints.
- Represented the interests of students to the leadership and faculty of UNLV.

*Vice Chair, West Quad Conference Planning Committee | 2015-2016*

*Vice President | 2016*

*Secretary | 2015*

2016-Present

### **AIA Las Vegas**

*Student Liaison | Board of Directors, 2016-2017*

- Represented the interests of UNLV students to AIA Las Vegas leadership.

*Co-Founder | AIA-AIAS Mentor Program*

- Collaborated with leadership to create professional-student mentor program.

*Inaugural Member | High School Outreach Committee*

- Developed ways for AIA and AIAS to increase outreach to high school students.

## HONORS & AWARDS

- 2017 **AIAS National Chapter Honor Award, AIAS UNLV**  
*"The highest award bestowed upon an AIAS chapter for its consistent growth and stability" (aias.org). Awarded during term as Chapter President.*
- 2017 **AIAS National Chapter President Honor Award - Honorable Mention**  
*"The highest award bestowed upon an AIAS Chapter President for their outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment." (aias.org)*
- 2017 **AIA Nevada Associate of the Year Award**  
*Award is given to an associate member who has "contributed significantly to the profession of architecture through their membership and participation" (AIA NV).*
- 2017 **AIA Las Vegas President's Award**  
*Award is given at the discretion of the AIA Las Vegas President for service to the chapter.*
- 2018 **Book Award, UNLV School of Architecture**  
*Award is given to salutatorian of graduating class.*
- 2017 **Distinguished Service Award, UNLV School of Architecture**  
*Award is given to a student-leader who has significantly impacted the students and faculty of the School of Architecture.*
- 2017 **AIAS Top 60 at 60 Finalist**  
*Invited to attend Imagine Conference in Orlando, FL., to celebrate 60th Anniversary of the AIAS and to plan the next 60 years.*
- 2016 **AIAS National Leader of the Month, November**
- 2014-Present **Dean's List | 7 out of 8 semesters**

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2017 **Jon Sparer, FAIA Leadership Award**
- 2017 **Ric Licata, FAIA Honorary Scholarship**
- 2017 **DBIA Western Pacific Regional Scholarship**
- 2017 **Commercial Roofers Scholarship**
- 2014-Present **Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship**

## CONFERENCE & EVENT PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 AIA Western Mountain Regional Conference | *"AIA Emerging Professional Panel"*  
With Nate Hudson, AIA, Travis Allen, AIA, Lance Kirk, AIA
- 2018 AIAS Grassroots Conference | *"Finance 101: Introduction to Chapter Finances"*  
With Adam Gregory Fogel, AIAS
- 2018 AIAS Grassroots Conference | *"Meet and Greet with the Collaterals"*  
With Paul Bamson, AIAS
- AIA Las Vegas Monthly Meeting - Jan. 2017 | *"The Future of Architecture in Las Vegas Panel"*  
With Nasko Balaktchiev, Brenda Tena, Kyle Fischer, AIA
- Board of Regents, State of Nevada, November 2018 Meeting | *"Synopsis of Work: Passive v. Active Education"*  
With Rafael Armendariz, AIAS, Assoc. AIA

## AFFILIATIONS

- American Institute of Architecture Students | *Legacy Member*
- American Institute of Architects | *Associate Member*
- National Council of Architectural Registration Board | *Licensure Candidate*
- Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society | *Member*
- Design Build Institute of America | *Emerging Professional Member*
- UNLV Research Honors Program | *Undergraduate Thesis Candidate*

**Describe your origin story as a student leader. What prompted you to get involved? What advice would you give others who have yet to realize their potential for leadership?**

“ To anyone who has not yet realized their leadership potential, **I would advise to become an active listener** and take the time to authentically comprehend yourself and your peers.

My personal leadership journey began as a freshman who was eager to immerse myself in the culture of the UNLV School of Architecture and become more acquainted with its students and faculty. I joined the AIAS as a way of doing so. As I was finishing my first year, I was approached by our chapter's President who advised me to run for a position on the Executive Board. I was initially apprehensive about taking this step because I did not see myself as the quintessential leader at the time. I decided to take the opportunity and successfully campaigned to be our chapter's Secretary. Once on the board, I became enthralled with the notion of making an organization that all students could find a place in. Listening to the needs of our peers, our team worked tirelessly to create the conditions that would foster a healthy culture in our school. Through this process, I learned that leadership is less about the external qualities that I had previously associated it with; it had more to do about identifying a mission that you are passionate about and finding others who share your belief and will collaborate to realize your collective vision.

To anyone who has not yet realized their leadership potential, I would advise to become an active listener and take the time to authentically comprehend yourself and your peers. Doing so will allow you to recognize the common passions as well as the differences that define a group. Leaders are often the people that are able to understand and respond to a group's dynamic, finding that shared theme that unites them, strengthening their cause.

**In recent years, the AIAS has increased its efforts in advocacy for architecture students on issues including but not limited to student loan debt, studio culture, intern development, leadership, Technology, and diversity. What one issue do you personally find the most important? How would you make progress on this issue as an elected leader on the AIAS National Board of Directors?**

“ ... I would collaborate with my colleagues to start initiatives that **increase the visibility of architecture students and the diverse talents that they bring to society.**

While there are many significant issues that architects and students are facing, I see the public value of the profession as the one that is of the most importance. Individuals tend to not fully comprehend what trained designers bring to our community because we have not done a proper job of communicating our value. This can lead to the public shifting its resources away from quality and sustainable design, making decisions that are based on what they perceive to be cost efficiency.

The AIAS is uniquely situated, as the future of the profession and an organization that is smaller and nimbler than the other collaterals, to make substantial progress on this issue. As President and Chair of the Board, I would collaborate with my colleagues to start initiatives that increase the visibility of architecture students and the diverse talents that they bring to society. Efforts that are manageable in the short-term may take the form of publicizing Freedom by Design Projects and National Design Excellence Award winners, allowing the organization to showcase different types of academic design projects. Moving forward, investigating new ways to collaborate with civil servants and other community stakeholders demonstrates the versatility of our members to decision-makers. Another long-term strategy would be focusing on K-12 Outreach as an additional opportunity to increase public awareness of the profession while simultaneously promoting architecture as a career path. Creating accessible resources for high school counselors and collaborating with design and science-based instructors can establish conditions that promote productive interactions with future generations.



**The AIAS has over 160 chapters across the U.S. and around the world, ranging in size from just a few students to hundreds. How would you use your position on the Board to better connect and engage our geographically and culturally diverse membership? What resources would you propose to better serve Chapter leaders seeking to grow their chapters and connect to other students around the world?**

One of the greatest values of being affiliated with the AIAS is the global network of students collaborating across state and national borders to advance the profession. For this reason, we must continue our efforts to ensure that our international members, as well as our more isolated domestic chapters, feel that they are a part of our community. I have had the privilege to serve as the Board Liaison on the Council of Global Representatives, as well as Director of the most geographically dispersed Quadrant, working with passionate members from around the world. These experiences have demonstrated that the proper conditions can foster a culture of collaboration between students that live on opposite ends of the globe.

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*Creating a community of organizations, comparable to the AIAS...*

Serving as the President, I would evaluate the current use of our digital platforms in an effort to maximize efficiency in communication with our international chapters. Technology can allow us to explore new ways of interacting with our membership, including conference live-stream, incentivizing interactions between international and domestic chapters, and increasing the organization's visibility within the global architectural community.

As the Board Liaison on the Council of Global Representatives, I am working with my colleagues to create a Strategic Plan that will govern how the organization addresses international expansion and partnerships in the foreseeable future. If elected President, I would ensure that our policies fit within the mission of the document, while finding new avenues to establish an AIAS presence in international programs that is to the benefit of its students. I would also use my position to explore relationships with existing global architecture student organizations. Creating a community of organizations, comparable to the AIAS, ensures that architecture students are served by organizations that are best equipped to respond to their needs.

**Describe one area in which you see an untapped opportunity for the AIAS to engage in a new way. Either with other organizations, with school faculty and administrators, with the profession, with the international design community, or any other audience or venue.**

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*by identifying commonalities and aligning our resources.*

I see developing productive partnerships with other design-focused organizations as an opportunity to explore new avenues for promoting leadership, design, and service while broadening the programming that we offer our membership. Such efforts demonstrate to current and potential members that the Institute is constantly looking for innovative ways of responding to their interests.

Organizations that could be the focus of outreach and potential partnerships include the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA), American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), American Architecture Foundation (AAF), and Design Build Institute of America (DBIA). Such opportunities could take the form of co-hosted conferences, competitions, sponsorships, scholarships, website content, or tutorials. Partnerships also provide the opportunity to increase the impact of our advocacy efforts by identifying commonalities and aligning our resources. Many of these organizations are stakeholders in the same issues that the AIAS is currently addressing and would be eager to demonstrate to policy and decision makers that there is a united front on these topics.

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UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

Mr. Keshika De Saram, AIAS, Assoc. AIA  
Past President and Elections Chair  
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Las Vegas, Nov 01, 2018

**Re: Letter of Support for Dominic Armendariz, AIAS, Assoc. AIA**

Dear Mr. De Saram,

It is my pleasure to provide my full support to Mr Dominic Armendariz in his bid to become the 2019-2020 National President of the American Institute of Architecture Students. I have had the opportunity to know and work with Dominic and he has frequently demonstrated a character that is beyond reproach, showing himself to be an accomplished student, leader, and steward of change. Completing his Bachelor of Science in Architecture and Minor in Business Administration while a member of the Honors College, Dominic's reputation for going above and beyond, and holding himself to the highest of standards is known throughout UNLV and the community of Southern Nevada.

## **Leadership and Competency**

Mr Dominic Armendariz has shown extraordinary leadership skills.

During his time as the President of UNLV's AIAS Chapter, he and his Executive Board refocused and reorganized the chapter. They initiated a new, innovative agenda, creating several programs aimed at supporting the academic and professional ambitions of their peers. For their efforts, Dominic and his team created an AIAS Chapter that is a visible presence in our school and community with a strong voice in support of students.

Aware of the impact that students can have on their community, Dominic instituted a robust K-12 Outreach Program, visiting several hundred students throughout Las Vegas, speaking to them about the profession of architecture, career opportunities with a degree in design, and student life at UNLV. He understands that the future of our profession is contingent on a population that understands the value that we bring to society. The most effective way to ensure our long-term viability is through increased interaction and dialogue with the emerging generations.

UNLV is proud to see Dominic continue to fuel his passion for leadership by serving on the AIAS National Board of Directors as the West Quadrant Director. His zeal for collaboration, aptitude for mentorship and long-term planning makes him the ideal person to represent and support students and participate in national and regional discussions on the future of architecture.

For his accomplishments, Dominic has received numerous academic, as well as professional, accolades, including the AIAS Chapter Honor Award and the AIAS Chapter President Honor Award – Honorable Mention. These were the first National Honor Awards that our school has been awarded. In 2016, Dominic became the first student to ever receive an AIA Nevada Service Award and was awarded by the faculty with the UNLV School of Architecture Distinguished Service Award.





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**Character and Personal Attributes**

The actions Dominic Armendariz has taken as student and a leader are indicative of his outstanding character and a testament to his passion and commitment. I, and those who have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Dominic, have all benefited from his collaboration. He leaves behind a legacy that will be lauded and admired for generations to come.

I always found Dominic reliable, positive and collegial.

It is for all these reasons that I fully endorse his bid in the strongest way possible. It is an honor to support Dominic Armendariz to be the next National President of the AIAS.

Please do not hesitate to email if you have further questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Steffen Lehmann".

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## **AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS POLICY ON COMPENSATION FOR INTERNS**

In July 1993, the AIAS Board of Directors adopted a "Public Policy on Uncompensated Interns." The policy has been subsequently reviewed and reaffirmed by the Board and reads as follows:

The AIAS maintains that employers must properly compensate all employees. Compensation must be in compliance with the regulations for the jurisdiction in which they are working.

In 2010, AIAS crafted a public statement on intern compensation in conjunction with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and the American Institute of Architects, which reads as follows:

The Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, the American Institute of Architects, and the American Institute of Architecture Students recognize that architects are bound by law and ethics to pay interns, and strongly advocate for the appropriate compensation of architectural students and interns. Because of current economic transformations, some architects have both solicited and accepted the services and labor of interns without pay. We strongly urge architectural firms and other for-profit employers to respect the law and comply with the ethical standards of our profession, and we strongly encourage interns to refuse to accept employment without pay, and to notify the Department of Labor in cases where employers propose such an arrangement. For more information on labor laws and professional ethics, please see the AIA Code of Ethics and the U.S. Labor Department standards under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

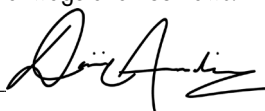
The ACSA, AIA, and AIAS further support architects, students, and recent graduate doing pro-bono work. We recognize the distinction between unpaid work for profit-making employers, and unpaid work for non-profit organizations, communities in need, and volunteer activities, which allows participants to determine their own hours and degree of involvement. The AIA has established guidelines for service that are provided on a Pro Bono basis. They can be found under the member section of the AIA website.

### **POLICY ON COMPENSATION FOR INTERNS AFFIRMATION**

As a way of confirming that the AIAS is not promoting or being promoted by architects employing unpaid interns, we ask that each participant in an official AIAS function review and sign the following statement. We appreciate your participation in our event and thank you for your support of our position against unpaid internships. This position is supported as well by the Board of Directors of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

Name: Dominic A. Armendariz

I do hereby affirm that I understand and support the AIAS policy on the compensation for interns. If I employ interns, I further affirm that I do not use unpaid architectural interns in my professional practice when applicable by federal wage and hour laws.

Signature: 

Date: 11.16.2018



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## **AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS ELECTIONS CODE OF ETHICS**

Elections are a critical step by which the American Institute of Architecture Students is governed. Annual elections, as outlined in the Bylaws and the Rules of the Board, ensure that the membership of the organization participates in the selection of the best candidates to serve on the national Board of Directors.

Individuals elected to the Board of Directors represent the membership and ensure the continued success of the organization. Therefore, participants who are involved in the elections process, including candidates, Board members and elections committee members, are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and good judgment.

Confidentiality is required of all participants in the elections process. Participants should not discuss details of the elections process to the general membership before, during or after FORUM. Elections information that is considered public knowledge, and therefore can be shared with the membership, occurs during the General Business Sessions and at the General Assemblies.

Campaigning is strictly prohibited prior to FORUM. Conversation between chapters regarding candidates should not take place. Campaigning will only begin at the first General Assembly of FORUM.

Campaigning during FORUM shall be professional. Candidates and candidate support groups should be respectful in their campaigning efforts. Disrespectful campaigning will be a violation of the Elections Code of Ethics, and will be grounds for immediate review by the Past President.

Campaigning materials should follow the Election Guidelines, and should be distributed in appropriate venues only. Appropriate venues include FORUM General Business Sessions, General Assemblies, and Quad Breakouts.

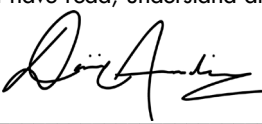
As leaders of this organization, and future leaders of this profession, we must uphold the highest ethical practice. Questionable behavior during elections will not be tolerated. Any concerns should be immediately raised with the Past President.

### **ELECTIONS CODE OF ETHICS AFFIRMATION**

To promote the highest level of professionalism during elections, we ask that each participant in the elections process review and sign the following statement. We appreciate your participation and thank you for your support and dedication to the organization.

Name: Dominic A. Armendariz

I do hereby affirm that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the AIAS Elections Code of Ethics and the Elections Guidelines.

Signature: 

Date: 11.16.2018

Please submit this form with your confirmation for participation.



A portrait of Dom Armendariz, a man with dark hair and a beard, smiling. He is wearing a grey turtleneck sweater under a red and black striped blazer. The background is a blurred indoor setting with arches. The entire image is framed by a thick red border.

**DOM ARMENDARIZ**

FOR 2019-2020 NATIONAL  
**PRESIDENT**