Architecture Department

Our Department of Architecture fosters the capacity to ask bold questions, take risks, think independently, and approach the work of architecture with curiosity.
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<th>MEDAL FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, AIA</th>
<th>The AIA Medal for Academic Excellence is awarded to the top graduating students with a Bachelor of Architecture, Master of Architecture, or Doctor of Architecture from schools accredited by NAAB or CACB.</th>
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<td>Alpha Rho Chi, the National Professional Fraternity for Architecture and the Allied Arts, provides this medal to selected schools of architecture throughout the country to be awarded to the graduating student who has shown an affinity for leadership, performed willing service for the school or department, and shows promise of real professional merit through his or her attitude and personality.</td>
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Landscape Architecture Department

Our Landscape Architecture Department balances theory and practice, emphasizing design to support human well-being and environmental balance. Students engage with issues of social justice, sustainability, and environmental racism and explore responses to these constructs through research and design.
ASLA HONOR AND MERIT AWARD

Emily Beeson – Honor
Michelle Lazarz – Merit
Ella Reid – Nominee
Mike Mei – Nominee

These awards are given to truly outstanding students who are nominated by the faculty and have consistently demonstrated the highest level of academic scholarship, responsiveness and willingness to work with others, self-motivation and responsibility, and strong design abilities evident in their exploration, discovery, synthesis, and representation of landscape architecture design.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION OLMSTED SCHOLAR

Emily Beeson

The Olmstead Scholars Program is the premier national award and recognition program for landscape architecture students. The program honors students with exceptional leadership potential who are using ideas, influence, communication, service, and leadership to advance sustainable design and foster human and societal benefits.

SIGMA LAMDA ALPHA HONOR SOCIETY AWARD

Dan Schumacher

This scholastic honor society recognizes academic achievement of students studying landscape architecture.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARD

Emily Beeson

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Urban and Regional Planning Department

Our Master of Urban and Regional Planning program is one of the top planning programs in the U.S. Our program uses Colorado as a classroom to engage in real-world, experiential learning opportunities and to interact with planning and design practitioners and the community.
EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD
Lisa Williams

EXCEPTIONAL RESEARCH AWARD
Ebru Altintas Solakoglu

MURP SPIRIT AWARD
Rachel Barham

MURP TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD
Mason Aeschbacher

URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARD
Lucy O’Sullivan

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Urban Design Program

Our Master of Urban Design program uses Colorado’s diverse urban landscapes as a laboratory for real-world learning, preparing students to become exceptional urban design thinkers, practitioners, and leaders.
STUDIO EXCELLENCE AWARD

Anna Henderson

URBAN DESIGN OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARD

Erin Daly

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Honor Society Recognition

Tau Sigma Delta is the only nationally recognized honor society in architecture, landscape architecture, and the allied arts. Membership is granted to the top 20% of each graduating class.

TAU SIGMA DELTA HONOR SOCIETY

Robin Adams
Toni Alexander
Jessica Rose Allen
Emily Beeson
Alanah Mae Braaksma
Nicole Alexandra Diaz
Caden J Bishop Daugaard
Logan Ebert
Lara Ruyi Eck
Nickolas Finn Geller
Michelle Marie Lazarz
Aurora Esmeralda Lopez Alvarez
Lucy O’Sullivan
Camille Pahl
Vanessa Rodriguez Gomez
Brandon Wunder
Mo Zaina
Architecture Studio Awards

These awards represent the top projects presented in each studio section in the Department of Architecture at the end of the spring semester.
UNDERGRADUATE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO I
Clayton Matthews
Myles Rule
Santiago Aguilera Cepeda
Tyler Cyre

UNDERGRADUATE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO II
Lorelai Brunner
Sydney Spomer
Daniela Mendiola
Daniela Mejia
Alec Bendykowski

UNDERGRADUATE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO III
Ben Kirschner and Maya Weaver (co-nomination)
Jay Tully
Malizak Nguonny

UNDERGRADUATE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO IV
Avrie Tomsik and Jose Gomez (group)
Vanessa Rodriguez Gomez and Sawyer Janney (group)
Gabriel Herrada and Andrea Malta Zuniga (group)
Nazeeya Bathhef and Yaire Reyes (group)
UNDERGRADUATE ARCHITECTURE
STUDIO V
Juan Garza and Nina Fritch (co-nominated)

UNDERGRADUATE ARCHITECTURE
STUDIO VI
Entire Section (group) “Innovative Model Construction”

GRADUATE ARCHITECTURE
STUDIO II
Pooja Sankar and Meghan Sloan (group)

GRADUATE ARCHITECTURE
STUDIO IV
Maggie Krantz
Theresa Khoury
Mariana Gonzales and Abhinav Sahariah (co-nomination)

GRADUATE ARCHITECTURE
STUDIO VI
Christopher Beckley, Marshall Reilly, and Neal Van Tamelen (group)
Willa Hendler and Meghan Kress (group)
Cristian Gomez and Mo Zaina (group)
Faculty and Staff Awards

The College of Architecture and Planning is dependant on the faculty and staff who are committed to ensuring our students receive a high quality education and experience during their time at CU Denver. Thank you to all of our hardworking faculty and staff.
EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AND CREATIVE WORK

Assia Crawford

FACULTY INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE AWARD

José Ibarra

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Matt Shea

EARLY CAREER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CREATIVE WORK

Leyuan Li
EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING
Sarah Hearne

EARLY CAREER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH
Sarah Hearne

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING BY A LECTURER
Brian Dale

STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARD
Kyle Danforth
Laurraine “Rai” Pollard
CAP STAFF PROMOTIONS

Connor Rumsey, Senior Finance and HR Professional
Roxy New, Senior Academic Advisor, Course Coordinator

RECOGNITION OF YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Michelle Haynes, 15 years
Jesse Kuroiwa, 15 years
Stephanie Santorico, 15 years
Christopher Endreson, 10 years
Stephanie Kelly, 10 years
Jeffrey Wood, 10 years

CAP RETIREMENTS

Osman Attmann
Denise Weber