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AIAS Partners with NCARB to Improve Accessible Design in Underserved Communities

Through a series of grants and mentorship opportunities, NCARB will help support architecture students involved with the AIAS Freedom by Design program.

Washington, DC – A new partnership between the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) aims to improve access to tools and resources for architecture students to enhance their communities.

Since 2004 the AIAS Freedom by Design Program has been teaching students how to resolve accessibility, economic and social issues while simultaneously providing real world experience working with a client along with mentorship from local architects.

"Freedom by Design is one of the best available opportunities for students to acquire real-world experience in design, construction, project management, budgeting, client and consultant relations, teamwork and leadership," said AIAS Executive Director Nick Serfass, AIA, CAE. "Teaming with NCARB to support the growth and development of Freedom by Design means supporting the growth and development of the next generation of architects."

For the 2016-2017 school year, NCARB will support the AIAS and its Freedom by Design program by providing local chapters with grants for building materials, as well as mentorship opportunities with members of state licensing boards and local architecture firms.

"NCARB is honored to support a program that prepares the next generation of architects for real-world practice while giving back to the community," said NCARB CEO Michael Armstrong. "Through Freedom by Design, students can see firsthand how their future profession can improve the public's welfare."

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About 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.ias.org or call Jessica Mason at (202) 808-0079.

About NCARB

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' membership is made up of the architectural registration boards of all 50 states as well as those of the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. NCARB assists its member registration boards in carrying out their duties and provides a certification program for individual architects.