



# Perspectives

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## The Spring Semester in Review

### Interior Design by the Numbers 2017 - 2018

During the 2017-18 academic year: -

- 10 Interior Design students were conferred Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees
- 8 of the BFA graduates are completing summer senior internships
- 1 has started a full time interior design position.
- 1 has been accepted in the graduate Architecture program at RIT
- 2 students earned their Associate in Applied Science degree
- 1 has started a full time interior design position and 1 is pursuing further education.

Employment statistics are in for the 2017 graduating class. Four students received BFA degrees, two are working in the field, one is pursuing further education and 1 has not responded to inquiries.

In fall 2017 twenty-one students began studies in Interior Design. Fourteen started as freshmen and seven were transfer students. Four students are in the Villa honors program. Four have chosen not to continue IND studies.

## Distinguished Students of the Year

The Annual Interior Design Student Exhibit opened Friday, April 13, 2018, in the Paul William Beltz Family Art Gallery with a reception hosted by the In Club.

During a private review a panel of invited guests and faculty juried the projects in the main gallery and selected the three distinguished students of the year. This year's recipients are:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Ryan Morley '18

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - Jamie Wesolowski '18

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - Melanie Biggs (*neé Daniels*) '18

**Freshman Best of Show recipient:**

Samantha Levrault '21 Freshman Color Rendering

*Prizes were courtesy of Eaton Office Supply, Prentice Office Environments, Millington Lockwood, Mid-City Furniture and Seneca Blueprint.*



*Ryan Morley and his award winning projects at the annual student exhibit*



*Melanie Daniels and Lauren Kielma with NY11+ founder Ruth Lynford at the Teknion Showroom, NYC*



*Charles Gattie with IIDA student competition winners Rene Miller and Jamie Wesolowski*



*Image of Library from Jamie Wesolowski's winning entry*

## New York Eleven Plus (+)

The 2018 New York Eleven (+) student exhibit was held at the Teknion showroom on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Jamie Wesolowski, Lauren Kielma and Melanie Biggs were selected to represent Villa. They prepared three 7-foot panels featuring recent studio projects. Lauren and Melanie attended the opening reception together with faculty advisor and NY 11+ board member, Sandra Reicis.

## IIDA 2018 Student Competition Buffalo City Center

The first place winner of the local IIDA student competition was Rene Miller '18 and third place went to Jamie Wesolowski '18. Twelve students from the Villa program were in attendance at the IIDA Awards Gala held at Hotel Henry on April 19<sup>th</sup>, where the awards were presented. The commemorative trophy was designed by Villa alum Charles Gattie

Villa Maria College students, faculty and alumni were in well attendance at the event. Alumni Laura Wax and Kristen Ertl, principals at L2K Design and Joy Kuebler from Joy Kuebler Landscape Architect also took home awards.

## ASID NYU-CE Chapter 2018 Student Competition

Taking second place in this year's ASID New York Upstate and Canada East student design competition was Jamie Wesolowski for her Roswell Park Cancer Center Pediatric Infusion Center Design. The award will be presented at the Annual ASID event in Syracuse, NY on September 21, 2018

## Honors Convocation

At the annual Honors Convocation, interior design students Siera Rogers and Ryan Morley were inducted into the Delta Epsilon Sigma Honors Society. This year's recipient of the Interior Design Outstanding Student of the Year award was Siera Rogers.

IND Faculty were also recognized. Honored as Part Time Faculty Member of the Year from the entire Art Department was Ryan Renshaw. Sandra Reicis received The Faculty Achievement Award.

## IN Club Activities

### *Box Lunch Lecture Series*

The IN Club hosted two Box Lunch Lectures this past semester. Roxanne Button joined the students to speak about 'Designing Beyond LEED'. She addressed the most recent changes to the LEED process and introduced a number of alternative sustainability initiatives. Kendra Preteroti from Nelson spoke on 'LEED Success', and shared the design process for the recently completed Google offices in Boston, MA.

The IND program was also hosted by Constance Winter of Cambria for a lunch and learn on their product line.

## Faculty News

We are very happy to welcome Stephen Olson to the growing list of part time faculty. He is currently the BIM Manager at Clark Patterson Lee

Professor Sandra Reicis attended the 2018 Design Principles and Practices Conference in Barcelona, Spain where she was a presenter. She also attended the CIDA workshop in Boston, MA as a presenter.

Jesse Walp received a commission to create a public sculpture for Niagara Falls. It will be installed early July on the corner of Old Falls St. and 1st St. The sculpture tries to capture some of the power and experience of Niagara Falls, with swirling and flowing aluminum tubes reaching 25 feet with 30 or so blue resin "droplets". He will assemble the body of the arch in the Art Shop, the top portion outside, and then riggers will transport it to the location. Walp was also promoted to Associate Professor this year.

In March, Paul Brinkworth attended the IDEC Conference in Boston, MA.

Adjunct faculty Sister Ann Therese Kelly attended the annual Stained Glass Association of America (SGAA) Conference in Long Beach, CA from June 16 - 20, where she is board member and Director of its Stained Glass School. She continues to work on the stained glass windows for the church in Ghana West Africa. The first of the series is almost complete.

Sister Kelly has also been completing a glass project for Schofield Residence Nursing Home in Kenmore.

## Study Abroad 2019 Spain and Portugal

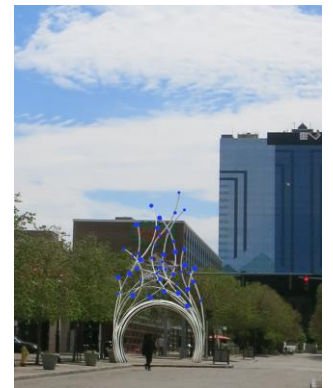
Space is still available on the next Villa Study Abroad opportunity scheduled for May 2019. Students will travel to Spain and Portugal. For additional information contact Sandra Reicis, reicis@villa.edu.



*Roxanne Button, 'Designing Beyond LEED'*



*Kendra Preteroti, 'LEED Success'*



*Digital image of the proposed public art sculpture in Niagara Falls, NY by Jesse Walp.*



## Historic Restoration/Preservation

This year students in Doris Collins' Historic Restoration/Preservation class worked on restoring the mirror room at Shea's Performing Arts Center. They chipped out damaged plaster, cleaned surfaces, repaired and replaced missing plaster. Using paint glazing and stenciling techniques, they added finishing touches.



*The before and after  
Pictured are students  
Emma Massimi and Ana  
Spanhake*

## BFA Thesis Exhibit

A Thesis Exhibit Reception was held on May 17 to celebrate the 10th Thesis Design Class. Held in the Library North Room, it was an opportunity for students to present their advisors with a bound copy of their thesis publication. The event was attended by faculty, administration, design professionals, students and their family and friends.



*Thesis students  
and advisors, from  
left: Sara Eaton,  
Doris Collins, Ryan  
Renshaw, Dr. W.  
Meyer, Renee  
Falsken, Ryan  
Morley, Todd  
Piotrowski, Herb  
Guenther, Steven  
Maddex.*



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## Upcoming Events

**Faculty Exhibit**  
August 20 - September 14, 2018

**First Day of Classes**  
August 27, 2018

**College Fall Holiday**  
October 8-9, 2018

**Fall Final Critique**  
December 7, 2018

**Last Day of Classes**  
December 10, 2018

**Spring Final Critique**  
May 10, 2018