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Tenth Anniversary Edition!

The Fall Semester in Review

CIDA Site Visit

November 15 - 23, 2017, Villa Maria College hosted a site visit team from the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA). The student exhibit that was prepared for the visit was held in the former chapel in St. Francis Residence, attached to Felician Hall. The outcomes from the site visit will not be official until April, but we are pleased to announce the site visit itself was successful.

A closing reception was held on Thursday, November 30th. The exhibit will continue to be on display until March, 2018.

Faculty News

Veronica [Bassano] Ryskalczyk has joined our Interior Design part time faculty. She taught IND 310 Interior Design Studio 4 this past semester. Veronica is Director of Interior Design at Scheid Architectural and is NCIDQ certified.

Paul Brinkworth participated in the Roycroft Summer Art and Antique Show and the Roycroft Winter Holiday Art Show. He serves as a member of the Steering Committee for the Roycroft Arts and Craftsman's Guild.

Jesse Walp was invited to participate in a dual solo exhibition with his wife, Bethany Krull, at the Rochester Institute of Technology, their alma mater, in the Gallery R. Jesse also has multiple pieces on exhibit in the juried Art in Craft Media show at the Burchfield Penney Art Gallery.

Jillian Schultz and husband Jim Ando welcomed Elijah James on Sept. 26. A bit early... But he was home in early November and is doing great.

Summer activities for Sister Ann Therese Kelly included a summer Glass Camp and a Vitrigraph demonstration/workshop at her studio. July 27 - August 2 she attended the Stained Glass of America Conference. In addition to her Villa course she also taught two online courses for Felician University.



*Eli and Jillian at the
CIDA Closing Reception*



The Student Exhibit for the CIDA 2017 Site Visit was held in Felician Hall.

IIDEX Canada

Renee Pratt took students from her Materials and Surfaces class to IIDEX Canada once again this year. The event was held at the Metro Toronto Convention Center. It is Canada's largest National Design + Architecture Exposition and Conference.

Studio Field Trips

Students once again were able to travel out of town for studio based field trips. Veronica Ryskalczyk took the Studio 4 students to NYC where they had a tour of the HOK offices, courtesy of Rob Szudzik, a tour of the Haworth Showroom, visits to the MOMA, the Whitney Museum, the Frick Museum and the United Nations. Visits to numerous retail and restaurant locations aligned with studio expectations. Studio 2 students were able to visit Pittsburgh, where they experienced docent led tours of Fallingwater, Kentuck Knob, the Frick Museum, Phipps Conservatory and the Center for Sustainable Landscapes. In addition to these field trips, students were also invited to join Renee Pratt for a visit to Boston, MA and the Google offices.



Briana Chriss, Siera Rogers and Veronica Ryskalczyk at the HOK offices, NYC

Robert Reeder Textile Workshop

Villa once again was able to welcome local interior designer, Robert Reeder, to the Residential Design studio for a highly instructive and challenging workshop for the sophomore students. This year the two-day textile workshop included an introductory lecture, design charrette and a furniture, finishes and textile project.

Stained Glass Certification

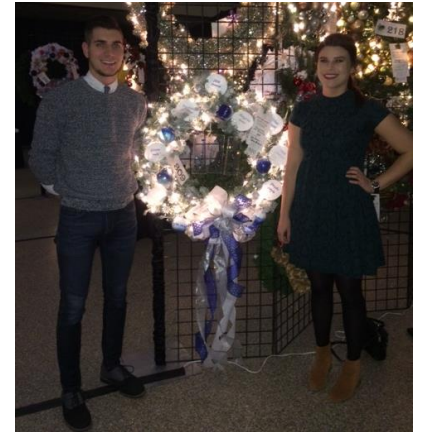
This year marks the first group of students eligible to earn certification in beginning stained glass from the Stained Glass School of the Stained Glass Association of America. All students who successfully completed IND 235 Introduction to Fused and Leaded Glass earned this distinction. This means the students are permanently certified in this skill.



Studio 2 at Fallingwater

In Club Activities

Officers for the IN club, an IIDA Campus Center, continue with Ryan Morley, Melanie (Daniels) Biggs, Jamie Wesolowski, Rene Miller and Claire Witt. The position of president-elect is still open. Siera Rogers is serving as president of the newly created Villa Maria College student organization.



Ryan Morley and Jamie Wesolowski at Festival of Trees

Service Learning

Rene Miller, Jamie Wesolowski and Claire Witt volunteered for the Arch + Ed program, run by the Buffalo Architectural Foundation.

For the Festival of Trees to benefit Women and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, which officially became the John R. Oshei Children’s Hospital in November, the students adopted the theme ‘Joy to the World’ to promote unity, harmony and peace and created a beautiful wreath. The Festival was held at the Buffalo Convention Center this year.



Rene Miller with children from PS#32 Bennett Park Montessori School

Guest Speakers

The **Box Lunch Lectures** continued with an open panel discussion from the designers at ‘room’, a luxury furniture boutique offering Buffalo classic contemporary home styling. Michael Poczalski, founder of michael P. design, and partner David Brugh are co-owners.

The lecture series will continue in the spring semester with new and exciting presenters.

2-week • 3 credit Study Abroad Opportunity

The next Villa Study Abroad will be May 2019 to Barcelona, Madrid and Lisbon. For information contact Sandra Reicis, reicis@villa.edu



The design team from ‘room’

Final Critique

Student reviews began with 'Breakfast with the Designers', a Portfolio Review that was organized by adjunct faculty member Jill Wisz and held in the M&T Room. Twelve outside reviewers and several college representatives participated in the event. By all accounts the event was a tremendous success.

Final Critique was a culmination to a very busy semester that focused on assessment and review. Student presentations from Studio 2, 4 and 6 were met with the highest regard.

Thanks go out to all of our guest critics and reviewers. Your support for the Villa program is greatly appreciated.

Gallery Show

The Interior Design Student Exhibit will open on Friday, April 13 in the Paul William Beltz Art Gallery. We will honor our top students that night. This is a juried event. The IN Club has organized an auction as well as a sale of student designed and fabricated items.

Please consider an awards donation or an auction item for this event. Contact either Sandra Reicis at reicis@villa.edu or Ryan Morley at morleyrs@villa.edu.

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Calendar of Events

- Jan 16 First day of classes
- TBD IIDA Event
- Mar 29 Spring Break starts
- Apr 3 NY11+ NYC opening
- Apr 13 Student Exhibit Opening Reception
- May 5 Thesis Presentations
- May 11 Final Critique
- May 18 Thesis Exhibit Opening Reception
- May 20 Commencement

