



UNIVERSITY OF
ARKANSAS

Fay Jones School
of Architecture + Design
Office of the Dean

10 Great Stories

Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design University of Arkansas

1. Student enrollment for the Fay Jones School has increased by 13 percent over the last year – with more than 500 students from Arkansas, across the United States and 20 countries around the world, and approaching a 50/50 gender balance.
2. Our graduates in all three professional disciplines are gaining near 100 percent employment and placement in professional offices or graduate degree programs.
3. The school is building on the excellence of its undergraduate professional design degree programs by focusing on five collaborative, interdisciplinary areas of design initiatives – resiliency design, preservation design, timber and wood design, health and wellness design, and housing design.
4. Our alumni are accomplished and recognized in many ways, including Modus Studio, the Fayetteville-based firm founded by alumni and named 2018 Emerging Voices by the Architectural League of New York. In the last six years, six alumni were honored with AIA Young Architects Awards, which recognize early career architects who have already shown exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the profession.
5. In recent years, our faculty members have received accolades and honors that include four “most admired design educators” from *DesignIntelligence*; two Emerging Voices from the Architectural League of New York; several ACSA Collaborative Practice and ACSA/AIA Housing Design Education awards; two awards from Preserve Arkansas; and a National Design Award from Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum.

6. We have a robust program of visiting professors in our studios each year, including Hilary Sample, our John G. Williams Distinguished Visiting Professor in Architecture, who is principal and cofounder of MOS Architects in New York City; and Gabriel Diaz Montemayor, our Verna C. Garvan Distinguished Visiting Professor in Landscape Architecture, who co-founded LABOR Studio in Chihuahua, Mexico. We've also welcomed Philip Tidwell, our USDA Forest Service Wood Innovation Grant Visiting Professor, from Aalto University, and Virginia San Fratello, our Fay Jones School Visiting Professor in Interior Design, from Rael San Fratello and San Jose State University.
7. The school offers a strong series of public programs, including a robust lecture series each semester and an exhibition program displaying work of national significance and quality.
8. Our school's home on campus, Vol Walker Hall, has a rich heritage. We built on that with its recent renovation and the addition of the Steven L. Anderson Design Center – a project that earned a 2018 AIA Honor Award for Architecture. The Fay Jones School joins a select group of architecture and design schools whose buildings have earned this top honor, and this is the first AIA Honor Award for a U of A campus facility. On the horizon is the Anthony Timberlands Center for Design and Materials Innovation, a planned \$15 million facility made possible by a \$7.5 million gift from the family owned Anthony Timberlands company in Arkansas.
9. The University of Arkansas Community Design Center and the U of A Resiliency Center provide outreach and service to communities through design work. Recent projects include a community food hub in Hawaii, a watershed framework plan in Conway, and a homeless transition village, a public housing complex and a model for urban food production, all in Fayetteville.
10. Through our study abroad program, our design students have the opportunity to be immersed in other cultures – in locales such as Rome, Mexico City, Helsinki and Tokyo. This exposure helps them develop as college students and allows them to look at the world and at design with an informed view.

Bonus No. 11:

Our Design Camp continues to grow – expanding to seven camps in six cities around the state this summer. Capacity has grown to 250 students from 150 last year. We are offering a second weeklong camp on the University of Arkansas campus, and we have new partnerships with the Scott Family Amazeum in Bentonville and the South Arkansas Arts Center in El Dorado to host camps in those cities.