



THE
BILL HARRISON
Foundation

Opening the Door to Possibility in Architecture & Design

Bill Harrison was a visionary whose spirit lives on in the ideals and work of the Bill Harrison Foundation. For him, architecture was not merely a career; it was a lifelong passion that he passed along to students through exposure to the building arts, inclusive education, mentorship opportunities, and the exploration and collaboration of ideas. This year, the Foundation's work continues to focus on creating opportunities for students to explore the world of architecture and its impact on individuals'

lives and the environments around them. The goal, as always, is to empower and support our students, the architects of the future, forming a one-on-one connection that begins in high school and continues through precollege programs, mentorship programs, college scholarships, and study abroad programs. Our hope: that these creative architectural and design students will go on to become mentors of our student architects of the future!

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

Empowering the Architects of The Future

High School Workshops

Through our High School Career Path and Gateways to Architecture and Design sessions, students took part in a three-session workshop during class time. With John Albanese from Harrison Design as the leading lecturer, the workshops took students on an architectural journey from Roman times to the modern day. They studied architecture and historical landmarks around the world, exploring the evolution of various styles including gothic vaults, Renaissance symmetry, and modern materials and technology. Through these interactive sessions, students explored the significance of architecture in their lives and its broader cultural, social, and historical implications in their communities. They worked on simple elevation and floor drawings—using an architecture starter tool kit that included a sketch pad, shading pencils, and a scaling ruler—learning about key elements of architecture and implementing them into their drawings.

Partnership With Usher’s New Look

This summer, the Foundation and Harrison Design were excited to partner with Usher’s New Look—the musician’s non-profit, focuses on global comprehensive youth leadership and empowerment programs from middle school through college. In a day-long course at the offices of Harrison Design, middle and high school students were immersed in the working environment at Harrison, learning about the history and principles of the building arts, fundamental concepts that led to interactive discussions about architecture and design as a career and the pathways to degrees and licensing. Students received tool kits, and participated in sketch exercises and a broad Q&A session. Special thanks to Harrison Design, and especially to its principals John Albanese and Emily Schickner for their leadership in this amazing program.



PRE-COLLEGE SUMMER EXCURSIONS

Creating a Pathway to the Future

NOMA Atlanta Summer Program

Project Pipeline's Design Justice: The Education to Action Pipeline is a summer program by NOMA Atlanta with an exemplary mission: to empower young people to bring about positive change in their community through the power of architecture, and to advocate for fellowship, equity, and excellence in design. This year's program, located at Georgia Tech's School of Architecture, brought together 55 students interested in architecture and design. NOMA architects and designers led dynamic lectures to give students a working knowledge of the fundamental skills of architecture while exploring how architecture interacts with community. Working in groups, the students evaluated and analyzed community needs for a project that looked at repurposing parking lots in the Summerhill area of the city. They worked together to design and build a to scale model of their design that was presented to several architects for review and evaluation.

Georgia Tech Pre-College Summer University Experience Scholarships

Three students from our high school program were awarded scholarships this summer to attend Georgia Tech's Pre-College Architecture "Be the Future" summer studio. This two-week intensive program offers students a hands-on introduction to architecture that includes a basic knowledge of architecture language, drawing, and working with scale and form. They experience an energetic immersion in the building arts with the opportunity to interact with professors, current students, recent graduates, and local practitioners.

The three scholarship winners showed a deep interest and dedication to architecture and design during the high school sessions, and the Foundation was honored to support them on their journey.

College Scholarships | Empowering Ambition, Enabling Success

The road to becoming an architect is long and challenging, and The Bill Harrison Foundation understands that talented students often face financial barriers while pursuing higher education. High school students who are beginning their senior year and have completed a pre-college program in architecture are currently in the application process for our college scholarship program.





MENTORSHIP

Guiding Dreams, Shaping Futures

Bill Harrison truly believed that mentorship was the key to both supporting young students and furthering their educational and creative journey—and because of that, mentorship is at the heart of the Foundation’s mission. We believe in the power of inspiring and guiding aspiring architects and designers via work with experienced individuals, and through mentorship programs, we aim to further support students who apply to or are already attending college. With this five-to-seven-year program, students will be able to nurture their creativity, build confidence, and gain valuable insights from professionals to encourage them throughout their architecture journey.

COLLEGE STUDY ABROAD

Expanding Horizons

Exposure to diverse cultures and architectural styles is essential to shaping well-rounded, creative professionals. Our Study Abroad programs open doors to a world of possibilities, allowing students to immerse themselves in global architectural heritage and innovative design practices in different countries. Through this experience, they expand their horizons, broaden their perspectives, and embrace the beauty of diversity. This November, our first five architecture students will participate in a London-based program.



FALL 2023 AND BEYOND

The Bill Harrison Foundation’s commitment to building a more beautiful and inclusive architectural space and design future continues to grow. In the Fall of 2023, we are excited to expand into more high schools, launching a comprehensive program that includes workshops, lectures, and mentorship programs, and sending our first college students to study abroad.

Thank you for your continued support and interest. Please join us for our next Gala on February 22, 2024, and meet the students who have been part of our programs this year. Visit our website at www.thebillharrisonfoundation.org for ticket information.

Our sincere appreciation to Harrison Design for their partnership with the Bill Harrison Foundation Programming and its continued support and commitment to students of architecture and design.

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