

6. ALUMNI

The program has a growing number of alumni who are achieving an array of professional accomplishments. Many of our alumni actively support our program directly and indirectly.

6.1 Degrees Awarded

<u>Academic Year</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
2003	15	6	21
2002	16	13	29
2001	17	7	24
2000	16	7	23
1999	15	8	23

6.2 Few of our graduates pursue advanced degrees. In the past five years, 5 have continued their education. A summary of the program of study and the institution at which they studied is presented below.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Program of Study</u>	<u>Institution</u>
2001	MLA	Ohio State
2001	MLA-Golf	Heriot-Watt University
2000	LA/Forestry & Natural Resources	Purdue University
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6.3 Employment

Employment in the landscape architecture profession is perhaps the best measure of our student preparation for pursuing a career in landscape architecture. Appendix 6-1 is a record of our student's entry into their chosen profession. Recognizing that preparation for entry into landscape architecture does not always lead to that conclusion, we advise students (if they ask us) on divergent paths as well. Students continuing their education or changing professional objectives carry the knowledge and perspective of landscape architecture with them.

6.4 Alumni Accomplishments

Our graduates enjoy a very high level of entry into the profession and tend to stay within landscape architecture or a related field.

One indication of our esteem for our alums is the annual Outstanding Alumni Award which the faculty has chosen since 1997. Following is a list of the recipients by year and their titles.

- 1998 Robert J. Megquier, Dir. of Architecture and Engineering, Chicago Park District, Chicago, IL
- 1999 Janice A. Cervelli-Schach, Dean, College of Architects, Art & Design
- 2000 D. Craig Bair, Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources, Div. of Engineering, Indianapolis, IN
- 2001 Chris Jones, Carol R. Johnson & Associates, Inc., Boston, MA
- 2002 Marsh C. Kriplen, Senior Partner, A.M. Stern Architects, New York
- 2003 Mario Nievera, President, Mario Nievera Design (New York City and Miami, FL)

6.5 Many of our alums use their positions within their respective landscape architectural firms to give back to the program by hiring our students. This defines a truly integrated and supportive cooperative education program. Many of our alums have benefited from our internship (co-op) program and later become cooperative employers. Following is just a sampling of our alums and the firms which hire our student interns.

Bob Megquier '71	Chicago Parks, Chicago, IL
Bill Moldenhauer '72	Interdesign, Indianapolis, IN
Pat Brown '78	SiteScapes, Mishawaka, IN
Tim Ball '80	Hitchcock Design Group
Carole Boleman '80	Carole A. Boleman, Landscape Architect, Zionsville, IN
Brian Davis '80	Canin Associates, Orlando, FL
John Collier '84	Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
Jackie Keller '84	Logan Simpson Assoc., Phoenix, AZ
Susan Cita '86	TBG Partners, Houston, TX
Jay Hood '87	Glatting, Jackson, Lopez, etc., Orlando, FL
Willson McBurney '88	PBS&J, Planning and Landscape Architecture Group, Orlando, FL
Chris Jones '89	Carol R. Johnson, Boston, MA
Scott Chomiak '90	Design Workshop, Denver, CO
Bill Hoban '94	Land Plus Associates, Ltd., Atlanta, GA

Besides hiring our student interns, these same alums often hire those same students or different students for full-time employment.

An extensive file of alums is kept by Jane Slipher (LA Secretary) in a database which can be easily queried. Ms. Slipher has been with the program for many years and very consistently keep the records current. When alums call the faculty for any reason, Jane first gets their most current personal and professional information before forwarding their calls.

Two of our alumnae have been especially generous in giving back to the program. Both have chosen to contribute to special lectures. The Olinger Lecture Series was established with an endowment that affords the program one special lecture per year. The Bookwalter Funds, an annual gift, has enabled the program to invite one or two additional guest lecturers per year and to purchase certain other enhancements.

6.6 Fund for Excellence

We established the Fund for Excellence to offer our program alumni and friends the opportunity to participate in the expansion of possibilities for our students. Money raised from the Fund is used to expose students to contemporary practice and cutting edge technologies. The Fund will keep Purdue's program at the forefront of landscape architecture education. The Fund is used for student support, guest lecturers, faculty development, technology support, equipment and facilities.

For the past decade the program has participated in the alumni reunion at the ASLA Annual Meeting. This is a special opportunity to connect with our alums far across the country. Since the annual meeting moves from year to year, there is always a different group that assembles.

The chair of the program has recently become more involved with development activities such as university expo, School of Ag events and alumni gatherings. The program chair also represents the program with the Indiana Chapter ASLA and the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA).

6.7 Alumni Advisory Council

An annual Alumni Advisory Council has been assembled to review the curriculum and other issue. The group consists of twelve alums serving three-year terms. Prior to their visit, they are sent program literature and a list of issues the faculty would like them to discuss. Within a daylong visit they hear presentations from faculty and ask questions or offer comments. The afternoon work session is used by the alumni group to compile comments and suggestions. (The Council did not meet this year.)

Recent faculty discussions concluded that a new Professional Advisory Council may be created to include a blue ribbon group of alumni, friends and practitioners. The function of the group would be similar but may assume some responsibilities for fundraising and other activities.