

**The American Institute of Architects, Committee on the Environment (AIA COTE) & Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) Announce the 2017 AIA COTE Top Ten for Students Winners**

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**Washington, D.C. – April 19, 2017** – The American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment (AIA COTE), in partnership with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), have selected the recipients of the AIA COTE Top Ten for Students. The competition recognizes ten exceptional studio projects that seamlessly integrate innovative, regenerative strategies within their broader design concepts. The program challenged students to submit projects that use a thoroughly integrated approach to architecture, natural systems, and technology to provide architectural solutions that protect and enhance the environment.

The jury for the AIA COTE Top Ten for Students includes: Jessica Nutz, University of North Carolina at Charlotte; John Quale, University of New Mexico; Holly Samuelson, Harvard University; Lisa Matthiessen, U.S. Green Building Council & Greg Mella, SmithgroupJJR. Listed below are the names of the recipients, their school, the faculty sponsor, and project title.

Listed below are the names of the recipients, the faculty sponsor, project title and their school. You can get more information and see renderings of these projects here:

<http://www.acsa-arch.org/2017-COTE-Student-Winners>

Karin Bjorkman

Faculty Sponsors: Sandy Stannard & Daniel Wiens

***A Residential School in Andhra Pradesh***

*California Polytechnic State University*

Taylor Metcalf

Madeline Cunningham

Faculty Sponsors: Margaret Ikeda, Evan Jones, & Adam Marcus

***SubOrdinate***

*California College of the Arts*

James Woods

Christopher Sandkuhler

Elizabeth Widaski

Faculty Sponsors: Ulrike Heine, Henrique M. Houayek, Ufuk Ersoy, & David Francobr

***Landscape in Motion***

*Clemson University*

Charlie Cotton

Faculty Sponsors: Laura M. Briggs & Jeff Geisinger

***Urban Ecology: Crossing Boundaries***

*Rhode Island School of Design*

Adam Smith  
Rachel Elbon  
Faculty Sponsor: Kevin Stevens  
***Gastronomia: Sustainable Agriculture***  
*University of Tennessee-Knoxville*

Shawn Barron  
Saranya Panchaseelan  
Faculty Sponsor: Ulrike Passe  
***The Apicenter***  
*Iowa State University*

Estefania Barajas  
Jorden Gomez  
Faculty Sponsors: Ian Caine & Rahman Azari  
***Housing a Million***  
*University of Texas at San Antonio*

Kurt G. Kimsey  
Matthew Wieber  
Faculty Sponsors: Miguel Calvo Salve & Russell B. Roberts  
***NURTURE: Lehigh Living Cultural Center***  
*Marywood University*

Anushka Pai  
Faculty Sponsors: Silvia Acosta, Laura M. Briggs, & Jeff Geisinger  
***Oscillating States***  
*Rhode Island School of Design*

Robin Wilder  
Faculty Sponsors: Steven P. Juroszek, Thomas McNab, & Jaya Mukhopadhyay  
***The Culture and Production of Home: Encouraging Sustainable Lifestyle Through Tiny Dwellings***  
*Montana State University*

The selected projects will be on view at the American Institute of Architects Annual Convention in Orlando (April 2017) and the 106th ACSA Annual Meeting in March 2018. For high resolution renderings please email [pvonier@acsa-arch.org](mailto:pvonier@acsa-arch.org).

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