



## FLORIDA CHAPTER ASLA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings, Florida Chapter!

World Landscape Architecture Month starts on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember to share your favorite Landscape Architect designed spaces on social media with #WLAM2017. This is a great opportunity to highlight the amazing talent of Florida practitioners.

I will be traveling to the ASLA Chapter President's Council Midyear Meeting in Washington, DC from April 26-29. This is a tremendous opportunity to share the wonderful things we are doing in Florida, as well as hear about what is happening throughout the rest of country in ASLA. If any of you have specific issues or concerns you would like discussed with the ASLA staff and leadership, please contact me prior to the Midyear Meeting and I will be glad to share your concerns with them.

As part of the CPC events, I will once again be taking part in ASLA Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill on Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>. This is vital part of our mission to educate our legislators about our profession and let them hear about the issues that are important to us by meeting with them face to face. I urge you all to continue this effort by establishing professional relationships with your local legislators, councilmen, and government agencies.

Applications for the Florida ASLA Design Awards are now open. Please visit [FLASLA.org](http://FLASLA.org) if you are interested in submitting for an award. Honorees will be celebrated during our Annual Conference in Boca Raton, July 6-8.

Our Government Affairs Committee has been busy during our current Florida Legislative session monitoring specific bills pertaining to the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), and the latest deregulation efforts in Tallahassee. Please be on the lookout for alerts from the GAC should the need arise for us to make ourselves heard on these issues.

Finally, I am thrilled to congratulate Nicole Plunkett for being awarded a Landscape Architecture Foundation Fellowship for Innovation and Leadership for her work in establishing Future Landscape Architects of America (FLAA). Her outstanding work continues to increase the discovery of Landscape Architecture as a profession by K-12 students, while also creating educator/practitioner collaboration opportunities. Well done Nicole!

As always, I appreciate the opportunity and honor of representing you. Please contact me at [president@flasla.org](mailto:president@flasla.org) if you would like to be more involved with the Florida Chapter of ASLA.

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