

## Career Fair and Students' Placement

Since 2010 the students in the Construction Science program at Prairie View A&M University have participated in job fairs both on and off campus. The on-campus events were traditionally organized and run by the Career Services Department of PVAMU and held in a central location. While the events offered a diverse collection of firms, often the attendance by firms in the construction industry was very small.

Off campus events were organized by the College of Architecture at Texas A&M University, by the Houston Chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMAS), and by the Houston Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI). Often the distance to the location and/or the timing of the event, prevented a strong turnout by our students.

During the Spring Semester 2018, the Construction Science program underwent an outside review as prescribed by the Office of the Provost. Representatives of Auburn University and Florida A&M University recommended as part of their finding that the program commence holding its own career fairs in their facility. With assistance from the Director of the Texas A&M University Construction Career Fairs, this change in direction took place in the Fall Semester 2018. Since that semester a SOA Career Fair has been held every Fall and Spring Semester of the academic year.

The Fall Semester career fair typically focused on the Construction Science program, while the Spring Semester career fair focused on the Architecture program. In 2019 several construction firms asked to return to the Spring Semester event noting that since the SOA has students earning a double degree in Architecture and Construction Science, they wanted to participate in both sessions. Following that breakthrough in 2020 the event was renamed as "ARCH + CONS Career Fair Spring 2020." All career fairs since 2020 have allowed both design and construction firms to participate. A chart detailing the growth of the events is provided below.

## Career Fair Historical Records by Academic Year

<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Architecture Firms</b>	<b>Construction Firms</b>	<b>MEP and Other Firms</b>	<b>Total:</b>
	September 12, 2018 (Wednesday)				
	February 13, 2019 (Wednesday)		22	2	24
<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Architecture Firms</b>	<b>Construction Firms</b>	<b>MEP and Other Firms</b>	<b>Total:</b>
	September 18, 2019 (Wednesday)		17		17
	February 12, 2020 (Wednesday)	21	3	1	25
<b>2019-2020</b> [Spring 2020 Impacted by COVID]	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Architecture Firms</b>	<b>Construction Firms</b>	<b>MEP and Other Firms</b>	<b>Total:</b>
	September 18, 2019 (Wednesday)	4	24	3	31
	<b>February 12, 2020 (Wednesday)</b>	8	6	3	17
<b>2020-2021</b> [Fall 2020 Impacted by COVID]	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Architecture Firms</b>	<b>Construction Firms</b>	<b>MEP and Other Firms</b>	<b>Total:</b>
	September 16, 2020 (Wednesday) <b>Restricted access; most firms virtual using Handshake Software</b>		16	3	16
	February 17, 2021 (Wednesday)	18	5	2	25
<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Architecture Firms</b>	<b>Construction Firms</b>	<b>MEP and Other Firms</b>	<b>Total:</b>
	September 15, 2021 (Wednesday)	5	30	7	42
	February 16, 2022 (Wednesday)	24	8	1	33
<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Architecture Firms</b>	<b>Construction Firms</b>	<b>MEP and Other Firms</b>	<b>Total:</b>
	September 14, 2022 (Wednesday)	9	27	5	41
	February 15, 2023 (Wednesday)	31	25	3	59

For the ARCH + CONS Career Fair just completed on February 15, 2023, a majority of the 59 firms had PVAMU graduates manning their booths. A commemorative photograph was taken to honor those in attendance.



**ARCH + CONS Career Fair Spring Semester 2023 February 15, 2023: PVAMU School of Architecture Graduates with Dean Sabouni and Academic Advisors**

## **Academic Honors**

On March 22, 2023 Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) held its annual Founders' Day and Honors Recognition Convocation. This year's theme was "Honoring Innovation, Sustainability and Leadership." The keynote speaker was Arturis Spencer III, PVAMU Class of 2003. Mr. Spencer is an audit partner with KPMG with over 20 years of experience in providing professional audit services to large multinational corporations.

Recognizing the academic success of the students for the Spring Semester 2022 and the Fall Semester 2022, over 1,500 students attended the ceremony.

The University Honor Roll includes Qualifying students who carried a minimum of 12 semester credit hours for their course load, maintained a 3.50 GPA or greater, and earned no grade lower

than a C. Dean's Honors includes qualifying students who carried a minimum of 12 semester credit hours for their course load, maintained a GPA between 3.0 and 3.49.

For the School of Architecture, the number of students honored at the ceremony were as follows:

- ❑ Spring Semester 2022: 190 Students
- ❑ Fall Semester 2022: 202 Students

With an average of 196 undergraduate students for each semester out of a total 390 undergraduates, 50% of our students met this level of academic success!

### **Spring Semester 2023: Candidates for Graduation**

Commencement exercises will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023. Candidates by degree/program are:

- ❑ Bachelor of Science in Architecture: 25 students; 4 of these are double majors in Construction Science (16%)
- ❑ Bachelor of Science in Construction Science: 4 students
- ❑ Digital Media Arts: 10 students
- ❑ Masters of Architecture: 10 students
- ❑ Masters of Community Development: 9 students
- ❑ **TOTAL OF ALL GRADUATES: 58**

### **Student Chapters Recent Activities**

Starting in the Fall Semester 2023 the Construction Science program in the School of Architecture (SOA) established a new chapter for the Associated of Builders and Contractors.

The chapter has held monthly meetings since October 2022 and conducted its first field trip to Texas A&M University to tour two construction projects underway for the Athletic Department: 1. Kyle Field Suites (South End Zone) and 2. Indoor Track & Field Stadium.

The chapter has twenty-five (25) charter members and is continuing to recruit more students. Officers serving for the 2022-2023 Academic Year are:

- ❑ President: Derek Dumas II
- ❑ Vice-President: Marshal Nolan Borner
- ❑ Treasurer: Brooke Simon
- ❑ Secretary: Trinity Amalbert
- ❑ Membership: Shira Patton

The faculty advisor is Ann McGowan.

The chapter received a prestigious award in January 2023, being named the ABC Student Chapter of the Year for 2022.



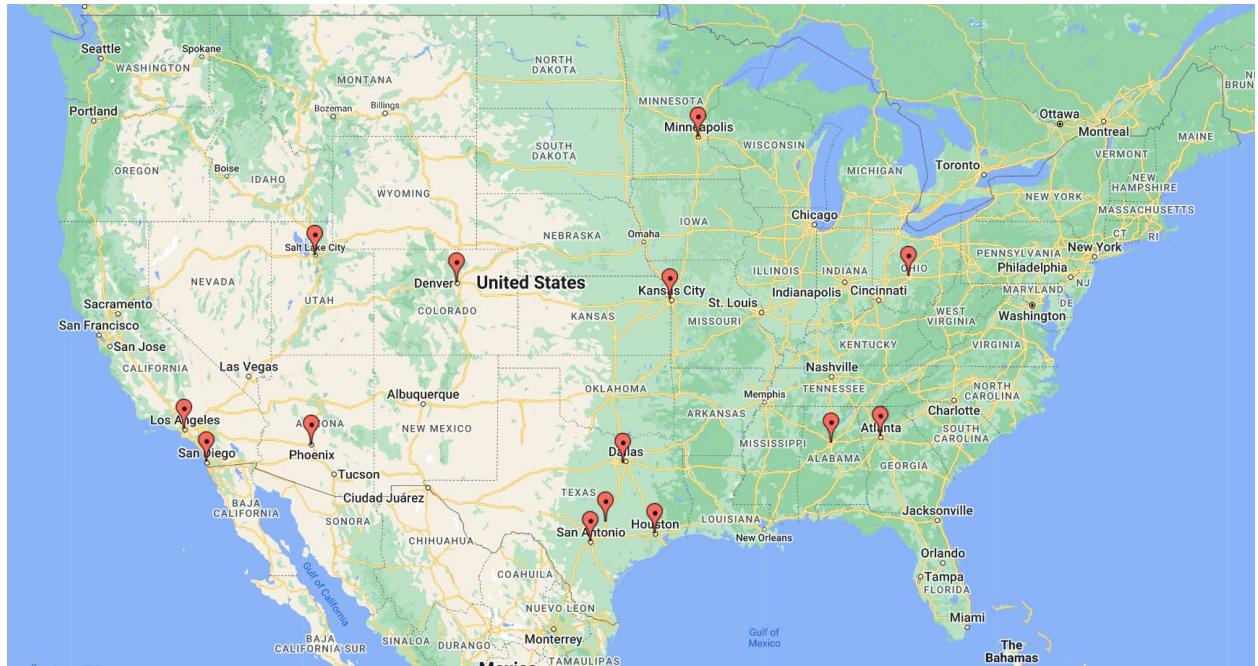
The most recent meeting was March 20, 2023. The chapter welcomed industry executives for a panel discussion. Please see the flyer issued by the students. Following the meeting a photo of the students and their guests was taken.



## **Students Placement**

Each of these individuals have been issued our survey of graduates to obtain their input. We have also identified another group of SOA graduates that will be survey during the time period of May-July 2023. The results of the graduate survey will be tabulated and compared with the survey of all graduating seniors that we have tracked for a number of years.

The list of the CIAC members provided in a separate document is also indicative of the success in placement of our graduates. From major, nationwide firms to those operating on a regional and local basis, our graduates are employed by construction firms stretching from Jacksonville, FL to Seattle, WA. While our graduates are employed in all the major cities in Texas (Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Austin) major cities outside of the state of Texas where PVAMU graduates are stationed include: Atlanta, GA; Birmingham, AL; Columbus, OH; Minneapolis, MN, Kansas City, KS; Denver, CO; Salt Lake City, UT, Phoenix, AZ; San Diego, CA; and Los Angeles, CA.



## New Exhibition Opens for the TIPHC



The Texas Institute for the Preservation of History and Culture (TIPHC)  
and  
School of Architecture  
invite you to an

## Art Gallery Opening Reception

# ***Cinema At-A-Glance: The Tyler, Texas Black Film Collection***



**Wednesday, March 29, 2023  
11:30 am - 3:00 pm**

Prairie View A&M University  
Nathelyne Archie-Kennedy Building  
L.W. Minor Street, Prairie View, Texas 77446  
P.O. Box 519 Mail Stop 2100

*Cinema At-A-Glance: The Tyler, Texas Black Film Collection* will be on view March 30 - April 18, 2023.  
Gallery tours are available by appointment Monday - Friday 12:00 - 3:30 pm.  
Contact Lauren Kelley at 936-261-9836 or [Ldkelley@pvamu.edu](mailto:Ldkelley@pvamu.edu) or [Ldkelley.pvconsultant@gmail.com](mailto:Ldkelley.pvconsultant@gmail.com).