“Every leader is telling a story...about what he or she values.”

- Walter Elias Disney
October 11, 2018

Chair, AIA Nevada Emerging Professionals Leadership Award Jury
AIA Nevada
401 S. 4th Street, Suite 175
Las Vegas, NV 89101

RE: AIA Nevada Emerging Professionals Leadership Nominee Travis P. Allen, AIA

Dear Chair and Members of the 2018 AIA NV Jury,

I am pleased to write regarding the leadership accomplishments of Travis Allen, AIA, throughout his tenure in our area Chapters. As current AIA Nevada President, Cochair of the AIA LV Committee on A’19, Past President of AIA Las Vegas and long-devoted advocate for service to the Institute, I have watched Travis’s extensive engagement with our AIA components and members with great admiration.

Travis expands his passion, dedication and community-focused approach to a career in architecture by demonstrating a tremendous aptitude for leading others. As a consistent member of the AIA since his student days, Travis considers the Institute and the resources, camaraderie and service it offers the ‘first stop’ for all practitioners and a ‘two-way street’ where member and organization work together to move the entire profession of architecture forward. And he has put that sentiment into action. Between 2017 and 2018 alone, Travis is holding or has held leadership positions on:

- AIA WMR Emerging Professionals Committee as Nevada Representative while also serving the AIA WMR as an AIA WMR 2017 Conference Committee member, as moderator on the “Levels of Leadership” panel discussion,” as Chair of the “Public Art in Transit & Community” panel discussion,” and as Chair of the highly successful “Emerging Professionals Pub Crawl Fundraiser.”
- AIA Nevada’s Emerging Professionals Committee as its Chair, on the AIA NV Fellows Committee as the Emerging Professionals Representative.
- AIA Las Vegas’s Emerging Professionals as its Director and Committee Chair for CANstruction Las Vegas.
- AIA Las Vegas COTE as volunteer with the Elementary School Outdoor Garden Classroom Program.
- AIA/AIAS Mentorship Program as a Mentor.

Today, Travis is also Exhibitions Chair of the A’19 Conference on Architecture Committee. He is an Adjunct Professor at UNLV’s School of Architecture as part of the Foundation Studio program. All this while achieving licensure earlier this year.

Suffice to say that Travis’s journey as a leader of our organization, its members and within the profession as a whole has just begun. As he moves from an emerging professional leader to a licensed leader in practice, in the profession and in the Institute, one thing is completely consistent: his talent, passion, commitment and dedication to principled leadership. I know Travis is a model to other emerging professionals and to all of us who recognize the vitality and devotion required to lead our profession into the future. I highly recommend Travis receive AIA Nevada’s Emerging Professionals Leadership Award.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Sparer, FAIA
President, AIA Nevada
Past President, AIA Las Vegas
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When I was first nominated in 2016 for the position of Director of Emerging Professionals on the AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors, I had a difficult time writing my nomination statement. I honestly felt like I had nothing important to say. But I quickly understood that was the point – that the position was not about myself, but more about encouraging the growth of other emerging professionals. I believe architecture is a profession of passion and dedication, centered in the community in which we practice. The AIA is the first stop in establishing this camaraderie and works to offer relevant continuing education, social events and advocacy for the profession. Involvement is also a two-way street that provides so much more when you give your own time back.

That is why I recently jumped at the chance to take an adjunct professor position at the UNLV School of Architecture. Not only does it allow me to pass on the knowledge I’ve acquired but provides a chance to reevaluate the way I look at design through the lens of the next generation of architects. That, along with my continued involvement as Director Elect for the 2019-2020 AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors, I look forward to continuing my participation with the Emerging Professionals | Young Architects Forum (EP|YAF), helping bring relevant events, topics and programs to the community.

I consider myself lucky to have worked with some of the most talented design teams over the early course of my career – each having their own strengths that I have carried with me today. A common thread among those was and still is the value of the profession. Not only was I always given the opportunity to participate in AIA events and programs, I have continuously been encouraged to participate in an active level. From participating on local, regional and national committees to attending local and regional conferences, I look forward to continuing that immersion.

The sentiment of my original statement still rings true – the understanding that leadership is a dialogue – that one must put in just as much as they expect back. With that, I am a firm believer in the statement: “You get what you give”. And I appreciated the opportunity to be considered for this award – allowing myself to continue to evolve as a leader and architect.

Gratefully,

Travis P Allen, AIA
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Carpenter Sellers
Del Gatto Architects
Project Manager + Designer
UNLV School of Architecture
Adjunct Professor

HONORS + AWARDS
AIA Las Vegas “I AM AIA” Spotlight Member 2017
AIA Las Vegas Unbuilt Design Award, Live+Work Studio 2014
Illicit Design Collective Inaugural Design Competition, First Place 2012
UCDenver Richard Reindel Memorial Study Abroad Travel Scholarship, Rome 2010
AIA Colorado Young Architect Award, Digital Media 2010
UCDenver Design Excellence Award, Comprehensive Studio Best in Class 2009
First Place, NOMA National Student Design Competition 2005

COMMUNITY SERVICE + LEADERSHIP
A’19 Conference on Architecture Committee, Exhibitions Chair 2017/18/19
AIA WMR Emerging Professionals Committee, Nevada Representative 2017/18
AIA Nevada, Emerging Professionals Committee Chair 2018
AIA Las Vegas, Emerging Professionals Director 2017/18
AIA Nevada Fellows Committee, Emerging Professionals Representative 2018
AIA WMR 2018, AIA10 Dining By Design Slide Slam Presenter 2018
UNLV Las Vegas Make-A-Thon, Mentor 2018
CANstruction Las Vegas, Committee Chair 2017/18/19
AIA Western Mountain Region (WMR) 2017 Conference, Committee Member 2016/17
AIA WMR 2017, Levels of Leadership Panel Discussion, Chair & Moderator 2017
AIA WMR 2017, Public Art in Transit & Community Panel Discussion, Chair 2017
AIA WMR 2017, Emerging Professionals Pub Crawl Fundraiser, Chair 2017
AIA/IAIA Mentorship Program, Mentor 2016/17/18
AIA Las Vegas COTE, Outdoor Garden Classroom Program, Volunteer 2016/17
Las Vegas Science & Technology Festival, Founding Team Member 2011/12
Guest Lecturer, Place Making in Design & Planning, CUBoulder 2010
Americorps, UCAN Serve 450-Hour Term Service Member 2009
Habitat for Humanity Las Vegas, Volunteer 2007
AIAS, Upper Studio Division Representative 2006
CCSD Professional Career Day, Presenter 2006
UNLV School of Architecture/CSN/UCDenver, Guest Juror ongoing

EDUCATION
Master of Architecture
University of Colorado Denver 2010
Bachelor of Science, Architecture
University of Nevada, Las Vegas 2006

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS
AIA
American Institute of Architects
NCARB
National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

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Architect
Nevada [7871] 2018
October 4, 2018

AIA Nevada Service Awards Jury
c/o AIA Nevada Chapter
401 South 4th Street, Suite 175
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Re: Travis Allen, AIA – Candidate for the AIA Nevada 2018 Emerging Professionals Leadership Award

Dear Members of the Jury:

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this letter to you about our valued employee, colleague and friend, Travis Allen.

We have had the great pleasure of having Travis work at our firm for 1-1/2 years but have followed and admired his growth in the profession and leadership within AIA from afar for much longer. His tireless efforts as the AIA Emerging Professionals Director had a positive impact on the younger staff within our firm long before he worked here. Since joining our firm Travis has quickly grown as a leader that others are fast to follow, who is eager to take on new tasks and challenges to advance the firm and often volunteers to do so.

Travis has been given the opportunity to work on projects with our most valued clients and has exceeded our expectations on each opportunity. His efforts have received praise and respect from our clients and his peers.

We are proud to have Travis represent our firm on the AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors and fully support his continued involvement. We know he brings an incredible amount of passion to the board and his commitment is unwavering. It is rare that a week (sometimes a day) goes by that Travis does not engage us in conversation about a new idea or initiative he is working on in support of Emerging Professionals or the chapter as whole. In addition, the 40 plus hours of work he puts in at our firm, Travis teaches a design studio at the UNLV School of Architecture 3 nights a week where he enjoys giving back to his alma mater.

In addition to Travis’ service directly to the profession he volunteers and supports other philanthropic efforts within our community. Above all, we are most impressed with Travis’ commitment to his wife and young daughters. Regardless of how busy Travis is with work at our firm, teaching at UNLV, AIA commitments and other efforts, he always puts his family first and they bring the brightest smile to his face.

For these reasons and more it is without hesitation that we highly recommend Travis for the AIA Nevada 2018 Emerging Professionals Leadership Award. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me personally at 702.251.8896 or mdelgatto@csdarchitecture.com. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Enthusiastically,

Rick Sellers, AIA
President | Principal

Michael A. Del Gatto, AIA, LEED AP
Vice President | Principal
As we begin a new year, we thought it prudent to announce for 2018 the CANstruction.

The Urban Sketchers next meeting will be Saturday, January 20, 2018.

As you know, I am a member of AIAs. I first discovered architecture in the period of 1969 and decided to pursue my interest in the field.

What is your favorite piece of architecture? Why?

Where will you be in 20 years?

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The Las Vegas Art Museum

AIA Las Vegas FORUM

Member Spotlight

Travis Allen, Assoc. AIA

AIA Nevada & Las Vegas

Board of Directors

Director of Emerging Professionals

2017-2018

AIA Las Vegas

Director Elect

2019-2020

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Member Spotlight

Travis Allen, Assoc. AIA

November 2017

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Travis Allen, Assoc. AIA

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THE REVITALIZED BAR HOP
A PUB CRUISE THROUGH DOWNTOWN LAS VEGAS

Join theAIA Las Vegas Emerging Professionals | Young Architects Forum

JOIN US FOR A CASUAL JOURNEY THROUGH DOWNTOWN LAS VEGAS, VISITING POPULAR BARS AND UNIQUE SOCIAL SETTINGS WITH LOCAL ARCHITECTS AND DESIGNERS CRAG SEAN PALACIOS & TINA WICHMANN OF BUNNYFISH STUDIO [AIA NEVADA FIRM OF THE YEAR]. CRAIG AND TINA WILL SHARE INSIGHTS INTO HOW THEIR YOUNG BUT ACCOMPLISHED FIRM CUT THEIR PROFESSIONAL TEETH ON FUN AND FAST PACED PROJECTS, WHILE HELPING TO STRUCTURE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT.

THE TOUR IS FREE TO ATTEND AND ALL LOCATIONS ARE WITHIN A 1-MILE RADIUS OF THE CONVENTION. ATTENDEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING THEIR OWN DRINKS & ANY TRANSPORTATION IF REQUIRED.

*Attendees agree to hold the presenting entities (including, but not limited to AIA, EP|YAF, and BUNNYFISH STUDIO) harmless from any and all claims, loss or damage to the attendee's personal property, liabilities and costs, including attorney's fees, as a result of their participation in this Activity, including travel to and from the Activity or any events incidental to this Activity.
Over 25,000 cans donated in just 2 years

CANstruction Las Vegas
Program Chair
2017/18/19

Architecture Las Vegas
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THE ONLY SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF BREAKING HALLS IN FOREST OF Ideas DESCENDERS

AIA NEWS + EVENTS

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2018 AIA NEVADA EMERGING PROFESSIONALS LEADERSHIP AWARD | TRAVIS P ALLEN, AIA
I have the honor to have worked on many exciting projects with some of the most talented teams. Below are examples of projects in which I was a Design Team Member:

- Individual Competitions + Academic Work: TPA
- Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto Architects: CSD
- BUNNYFiSH Studio: BS
- NOVUS Architecture: NA
- Imagine Exhibitions: IE
- Exhibit IQ: IQ

Design

Architecture

- HELLS KITCHEN: BFS
- MCCARTHY OFFICE BUILDING: CSD
- ZAPPoS CAMPUS SPECIAL PROJECTS: BFS
- BAILIWICK GASTROUB: NA
- GRAND CANYON SKYWALK VISITOR CENTER: NA
- LIVE+WORK BOUTIQUE HOTEL: BFS

Interiors

- MCCARTHY OFFICE BUILDING: CSD
- ZAPPoS CAMPUS SPECIAL PROJECTS: BFS
- BAILIWICK GASTROUB: NA
- GRAND CANYON SKYWALK VISITOR CENTER: NA
- LIVE+WORK BOUTIQUE HOTEL: BFS

Urban Design

- CLARK COUNTY ROBERT "BOB" PRICE PARK: BFS
- WELCOME TO LAS VEGAS SIGN COMPETITION: TPA
- MARYLAND PARKWAY PUBLIC ART STRATEGIC PLAN: BFS
- NORTH LAS VEGAS LAKE MEAD VILLAGE WEST: BFS
- SPENCER GREENWAY TRAIL: BFS

Exhibitions

- DINOSAURS IN MOTION: WHERE ART+SCIENCE MEET: IE
- WHEN YOU’RE CURIOUS, YOU FIND LOTS OF INTERESTING THINGS TO DO: TAP
- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 50 GREATEST PHOTOGRAPHS: IE
- EXPLORE! SOUTHERN NEVADA: IE
- DESERT WETLANDS OUTREACH EXHIBIT: IE
Dear AIA Nevada Jury,

Travis Allen, AIA, through outstanding service, dedication, and drive has uniquely demonstrated his ability to work with others towards advancing the goals of the profession. He serves this profession through design excellence and a commitment to the education of his peers and the next generation of Architects. I am extremely honored to provide this letter of support for Travis Allen, for the 2018 AIA Nevada Emerging Professionals Leadership Award.

Having authored and founded this initiative as a partnership between AIA Northern Nevada and AIA Las Vegas for EP leadership development in 2015, I can simply think of no better or deserving candidate than Travis. Developed as a leadership development opportunity for our state’s EP’s, Travis has already demonstrated great dedication and promise to both AIA Las Vegas and AIA Nevada as a strong future leader. His community service and leadership evidence a broad and diverse emerging leader capable of coalescing his skills and interests toward a positive and impactful outcome. He embodies the exact type of leader our organization needs to keep up with a rapidly changing professional environment and I strongly believe this opportunity would equip him with the necessary skills to successfully lead and help direct the future of our profession.

Through my own service with him, I have witnessed, first hand, his rigor and commitment. As an instrumental EP member in the planning and initiation of the 2017 Western Mountain Regional Conference in Las Vegas, Travis served as chair and moderator for a leadership panel discussion, chair for a public art in transit and community panel discussion as well as the WMR Pettigrew Leadership Scholarship fundraising chair whose efforts raised a little over $2,000 for the WMR’s initiative. His inciteful planning for this activity has generated value for the WMR much deeper that a single incidence. His efforts have developed a duplicatable fundraising event executed by others in the WMR since then with great success. Travis’s commitment to our state’s emerging professionals and students has been extraordinary leading many initiatives designed for community engagement and education. Travis has also recently accepted an adjunct faculty position at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, School of Architecture directly mentoring the next generation of architects.

There is so much more I could say regarding Travis’s abilities and character. However, I do feel obligated to say that he is in the process of becoming a truly well-rounded citizen architect genuinely reflecting the goals and objectives of the AIA. I say “becoming” only because we all, as life-long learners, are in the process of becoming. I hope the committee will see the amazing qualities and potential within Travis and recognize his ongoing contributions to the betterment of society through his volunteer service, design work, and mentorship of other young architects as a young faculty member. All of this has a direct benefit to AIA members and our broader society. I encourage you to further his development as a young, passionate member of our architectural community by selecting him as the recipient of the 2018 AIA Nevada Emerging Professionals Leadership Award.

Respectfully,

Nathaniel Hudson, AIA, NCARB
National Strategic Councilor and Western Mountain Region Director | American Institute of Architects
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October 10, 2018
6 October 2018

2018 AIA Nevada Service Awards Jury
401 S. Fourth Street, Ste. 175
Las Vegas, Nevada

To the Distinguished Members of the Service Awards Jury,

It is an honor to support Travis Allen, AIA, for the Emerging Professional Leadership Award. I met Travis while serving as the AIAS President at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Student Liaison to the AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors. I was immediately impressed by his passion for the next generation of leaders and designers in Southern Nevada. Travis has since worked tirelessly to support the mission of the AIA, creating new programs that will impact the chapter for years to come.

Throughout Travis’s term on the AIA Las Vegas Board, he has looked for innovative ways to engage students at UNLV, integrating them into emerging professional community in Las Vegas. He understands that cultivating a culture of leadership and service in the early stages of a career is crucial to the long-term success of our chapter and also key to the development of young, talented architects. In 2016, AIA Las Vegas and AIAS UNLV created a mentor program, pairing emerging professionals with students. Joining the inaugural class of mentors, Travis has become a staple at program events and has consistently met with his mentee. Travis also collaborated with student leaders to found the AIA-AIAS Design Film Series which takes place at the UNLV Architecture Studies Library. This event has created an environment for young professionals and students to step away from their busy lives and celebrate the impact that architecture can have. Serving as an adjunct professor for UNLV’s Second Year Studio, Travis teaches design fundamentals to our newest students. His passion for design, eagerness to mentor and humble demeanor makes him the perfect candidate to introduce his students to architecture.

Throughout my service to the AIAS and the AIA, at the national and local levels, I have worked with many passionate leaders and Travis Allen stands out amongst them all. As Director of Emerging Professionals, Travis has set a new standard for excellence in service and is a role model to all designers in Nevada. I believe that he fills all requirements (and more) of the Emerging Professional Award and I urge you to give his application full consideration.

With the Best Regards,

Dominic A. Armendariz, ASSOC. AIA, AIAS
2018-2019 West Quadrant Director I AIAS
Design Associate I SH Architecture
October 11, 2018

Dear 2018 AIA Emerging Professionals Leadership Award Committee:

Please consider this correspondence an expression of both support and endorsement of Travis P. Allen, AIA for this prestigious award.

I met Mr. Allen last year when he worked with our Corporation and Resort, specifically, to arrange for the CANstruction event conducted here at Mandalay Bay.

I am comfortable and confident in presenting this recommendation based upon my career’s experience in the field of Property Management which spans over 30 years with developments across the US. At each of these developments, numerous architectural firms were engaged, and I continue to work with a varied number of firms to this day as we develop and redevelop Mandalay Bay to keep the experience fresh.

What I have seen in Mr. Allen, from the initial meeting, is a passionate, professional, and respectful individual who possesses not only architectural skill, but the business savvy required to succeed in Las Vegas, which is a very complicated market. It is often said that our city can be the most challenging environment for architects and developers due to the unique nature of nearly everything we do, from environment to appearance.

I believe Mr. Allen to be very deserving of not only consideration, but receipt of this award based upon his commitment to our community, through making a tie with Three Square food bank for the disposition of the thousands of cans used in our CANstruction event, and his ability to work well with all levels of our organization during the preparation for and execution of the event.

His passion is true, his experience has visual depth, and his continued ability to grow in his field and our community will be of great benefit to all he touches. I look forward to our next CANstruction event and the opportunity to work with Mr. Allen again.

If I may be of additional service to support Mr. Allen’s nomination for this award, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts and this letter of endorsement with you.

Sincerely,

Brian Robison
Vice President / General Manager
the shoppes at Mandalay Place / Special Projects
Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino
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MANDALAY BAY
RESORT AND CASINO, LAS VEGAS
Dear AIA Nevada Service Awards Jury

I am both pleased and honored to support the nomination of Travis Allen, AIA for the 2018 AIA Nevada Emerging Professional Leadership Award. Travis is newly licensed to practice architecture, having received his certificate earlier this year, but he has been an active member of AIA Las Vegas and a dedicated supporter of the profession since becoming an AIA member in 2014. He has a passion for architecture, he is dedicated to elevating the profession, he has a talent for leadership and he possesses a strong desire to be of service to his community and to the Institute.

For the past two years Travis has served as the Emerging Professional Director on the AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors, and has just been elected to continue as a Director for another two year term through 2020. In his position as E.P. Director, he represents the interests of Emerging Professionals (AIAS students, Associate Members and Young Architects) and has demonstrated his talent for leadership. He created and initiated programs specifically designed to engage emerging professionals including the “Design Film Series” which creates a relaxed atmosphere for emerging professionals to socialize yet engage in inspired discussions of current topics within the field of design. He also carries on existing programs such as the “Memoir Mondays” where senior members of the Chapter meet socially with younger members and share their history and experiences in architecture, providing inspiration and motivation for younger members as they enter the profession.

In addition, Travis has also chaired the Chapter’s CANstruction outreach program, organizing teams to design and assemble structures from canned and dried foods, which are exhibited to the public and then donated to Three Square Food Bank. Travis’s leadership in this program has established a strong partnership with MGM Resorts International, and has resulted in over 25,000 cans of food being donated to the Food Bank. At the same time, this program has raised awareness of AIA Las Vegas, our members and the good work that architects do in the community. In 2019 Travis will continue as Chair of the CANstruction program and has already engaged MGM Resorts International to partner with us to extend the program to their employees and to support the program through sponsorship of the exhibit. The success of these programs and others is directly due to Travis’s vision and leadership skills.

Throughout 2018 Travis has also represented Emerging Professionals on the state and regional level. Serving on the AIA Nevada Executive Committee as E.P. Advisor, he has worked with the AIA Northern Nevada Chapter representative and with the Associate Director and E.P. Representatives for the AIA Western Mountain Region to further the interests of Emerging Professionals in the state and across the six-state region. Travis is a leader who generously supports the efforts of his colleagues and upholds the highest personal and professional standards. His initiative and dedication have made him a valued member of the AIA Las Vegas Chapter. I hope that you will agree that Travis Allen, AIA is most deserving of recognition as a recipient of this year’s AIA Nevada Emerging Professional Leadership Award.

Best regards,

Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA
Executive Director, AIA Nevada and AIA Las Vegas