

Summer is a time to relax, connect with loved ones, and gain internship experience, but it is also a time to prepare for the upcoming academic year. To get ready for the 2019-2020 year, the American Institute of Architecture Students - University of Tennessee, Knoxville Chapter (AIAS UTK) sent eight officers to the Grassroots Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. where we met with student leaders from the U.S.A., Canada, Mexico, and countries in the Middle East. W

Capitol Hill Day was an event for student advocates to come together and present to Capitol Hill Representatives, Senators, and their staffers a new bill that would permit the student loan repayment percentage as a matching requirement for employers to contribute to the employee's retirement. As architecture students, we expressed how costly the profession is and how valuable this subtle change could be - young professionals wouldn't have to make the horrible decision of paying back loans or saving for the future. They can do both. It was a surreal experience to be amongst the people who make a change in this country and tell them our stories and why we are passionate about this change!

with the opening ceremony hosted by the National Building Museum. We said goodbye to recent graduates Paul Bamson, 2018, as the outgoing South Quad Director and Elizabeth Ott, 2019, as the outgoing Freedom by Design Advisory Council Chair and welcomed the 2019-2020 national board. While visiting the National Building Museum for the ceremony, we

The following days, we heard from three keynote speakers, spoke with regional leaders in our quad groups, and explored fascinating topics during breakout workshop sessions. Hearing from the inspiring keynotes, we learned about leadership, design, and service, respectively. Jaime Van Mourik, Vice President of Education Solutions at USGBC, spoke about