

**THE BERNARD AND ANNE SPITZER  
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE**

**THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK**



**FIFTY-NINTH  
COMMENCEMENT  
AWARDS CEREMONY**

*Honoring the Class of 2024*

**Tuesday, May 28, 2024  
In the Great Hall**

**Spitzer** The Bernard & Anne Spitzer  
School of Architecture

The City College  
of New York **CUNY**



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**WELCOME**

Dr. Michael J. Miller, ASSOCIATE DEAN

**REMARKS**

Dr. Marta Gutman, DEAN

Dr. Sean Weiss, CHAIR

Dr. Tony M. Liss, PROVOST

**VALEDICTORIAN**

Amy Ho

**PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATES**

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

**SEND-OFF**

Dr. Marta Gutman, DEAN

**AIA MEDAL OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

*For more than a century, AIA has provided a medal of excellence to the top graduating students in National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) accredited degrees who display “general excellence” throughout their academic career.*

Amy Ho

**ALPHA RHO CHI BRONZE MEDAL**

*The award is given annually by Alpha Rho Chi, the National Professional Fraternity for Architecture and the Allied Arts, to the graduating student who has demonstrated an ability for leadership, has performed willing service, and gives promise of real professional merit through their attitude and personality.*

Mateo Penafiel

**J. MAX BOND CENTER FOR URBAN FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP**

Escarlen Ibadango

**AARON RAND '65 AWARD**

*Awarded to outstanding undergraduate students in honor of CCNY alum Aaron Rand '65.*

Amy Ho

Katerina Kwong

**MELLENDEZ SCHOLARSHIP**

*Awarded to an outstanding student in recognition of former Undergraduate Advisor Arnaldo Melendez.*

Bardh Maraj

**FACULTY TECHNOLOGY AWARD**

Nily Baratian

**URBAN DESIGN ACADEMIC COUNCIL AWARD FOR ADVOCACY IN URBAN DESIGN**

Amy Ho

**WX WOMEN IN REAL ESTATE SCHOLARS PROGRAM AWARD**

*Awarded by New York Women Executives in Real Estate (WX) to promising women students studying real estate and related subjects in their final year of studies.*

Scholarship

Shiva Abbaszadeh

Merit Award

Lorraine Colbert

Amy Ho

**PRESERVATION LEAGUE OF NEW YORK STATE'S ZABAR FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

*The League awards scholarships to the best and brightest preservation students studying in NYS.*

Lorraine Colbert

**G. ANTONIO CHAVARRIA '90 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

*Awarded to an outstanding fifth-year B Arch student in honor of CCNY alum Guillermo Antonio “Tony” Chavarria '90.*

Mateo Penafiel

**MONTCLAIR MGAP DESIGN AWARD**

Bardh Maraj

**SPITZER HISTORY AND THEORY TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP**

Amy Ho

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS NEW YORK CHAPTER AWARDS**

*Honor Award*

Courtney Behrens

*Merit Award*

David Smucker

**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION, NATIONAL OLMSTED SCHOLAR**

*Recognizes one outstanding student from each accredited landscape architecture program in the U.S. and Canada for past achievements and their future potential to influence the landscape architecture discipline.*

David Smucker

**UNILOCK PAVING THE FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP**

*Recognizes U.S. and Canadian landscape architecture and design students for academic excellence, leadership and commitment to their community.*

David Smucker

**PROGRAM AWARD FOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE**

Samuel Syrop

**PROGRAM AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE**

Arielle Cheifetz

Mary Daly

**PROGRAM AWARD FOR ECOLOGICAL EXCELLENCE**

Griffin Pollak

**MLA FACULTY SPECIAL AWARD FOR STUDENT ADVOCACY**

Anita Beach

**HOLLANDER DESIGN FELLOWSHIP**

*Multiyear fellowship to encourage and support New York City students from demographics and communities that are historically underrepresented in landscape architecture to pursue the field.*

Gaël Oriol

**MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE**

William Allan

Alexandria Almaguer

Matthew Awai

Suraya Babb

Carl Badenhausen

Cortlandt Chin

Elena Dieci

Shadeen Dixon

Julia Farfan

Kevin Gessner

Tiffany Gong

Fernando Gonzalez

David Hardy

Suzanne Kerr

Diego Madera

Edaet Mamudoska

**MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE**

Anita Beach

Courtney Behrens

Arielle Cheifetz

Mary Daly

Gaël Oriol

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE**

Dilianny Espinoza Moreno

Cole Miles

Hamza Mirza

Angelica Morales Juarez

Perparim Morina

Thanathorn Nawakitbumrung

Gregory Owen

Ryan Peterson

Aidan Quigley

Dehaan Rahman

Alexandra Rodriguez Chaves

Jasmin Roussos

Carlos Rueda

Wade Steely

Israel Tafere

Moubina Uddin

Jie Zhang

Griffin Pollak

David Smucker

Samuel Syrop

William Thomson

Anshuman Khandelwal

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**BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE**

Valeska Abarca **	Escarlen Ibadango***	Jose Saucedo***
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Selbi Hasanova	Danielle Ryba***	
Amy Ho***	Justin Ryshkewitch**	
Ahmed Husan	Angel Sanchez***	
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Kevin Gessner

**PROGRAM AWARD FOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE**

Shadeen Dixon

Carlos Rueda

**PROGRAM AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP IN HONOR OF MIMI LIEBENBERG**

*Recognizes a student leader in the spirit of M Arch '21 alum Mimi Liebenberg (1985-2023).*

Dehaan Rahman

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**SPITZER HISTORY AND THEORY TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP**

Aidan Quigley

**FACULTY TECHNOLOGY AWARD**

Suzanne Kerr

**FUND FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK NYC COMMUNITY PLANNING FELLOWSHIP**

*Provides selected graduate students the opportunity to work with local community boards on a specific project over the course of an academic year.*

Shadeen Dixon

Dehaan Rahman

Jasmin Roussos

**J. MAX BOND CENTER FOR URBAN FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP**

Dehaan Rahman

**VALMIRA GASHI & JULIEN LEGEARD SCHOLARSHIP**

*Helps a student financially and professionally including opportunities at Legiard Studio, co-founded by Julien Legiard and Valmira Gashi M Arch '20.*

Perparim Morina

**PROFESSIONAL WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION NEW YORK CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP**

*Awarded by PWC New York to emerging students pursuing a degree in the AEC industry. Open to female-identifying students at NYU, CCNY, and Manhattan College.*

Alexandra Rodriguez Chaves

**CCNY GRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM WINNING PROJECT**

Wade Steely