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Saskatchewan Association of Architects 2011 Bursary Winners Announced

The Saskatchewan Association of Architects (SAA) is investing in Saskatchewan's future through its SAA member funded Bursary Program. Lori McGillivray, University of British Columbia and Stephanie Neufeld, University of Waterloo will each receive a \$10,000 bursary to begin their careers in architecture in Saskatchewan.

Since the program's 2008 inception, the SAA has awarded a total of \$100,000 to graduates of qualified architectural degree programs. Recipients are required to live in the province and work for a Saskatchewan architectural firm for three years immediately following graduation. Bursaries have also been awarded to graduates from Dalhousie University, University of Manitoba, University of Calgary and Savannah College of Art & Design.

With sixty percent of its membership at or near retirement age, the SAA is actively involved in growing the profession in Saskatchewan through its bursary program. SAA members are also participating with the University of Saskatchewan to establish a School of Architecture. It is anticipated that this school would draw future young professionals provincially and nationally to live, study architecture and ultimately remain in Saskatchewan to establish their practice in architecture related disciplines.

Various aspects of architecture and design will be highlighted during Architecture Week, November 13 – 19, 2011. The Cities of Regina and Saskatoon have each made this proclamation to help the SAA mark its 100th year as an Association. Celebratory events for the public will occur during this week.

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THE PROGRAM With 60% of registered architects in Saskatchewan at or near the age of retirement, the Saskatchewan Association of Architects established a Bursary/Forgivable Loan Program in 2008 to attract graduates of qualified architectural degree programs to live and work in Saskatchewan.

Recipients are chosen annually by a committee appointed by the Council. Each qualifying recipient will receive a forgivable loan for \$10,000. The loan will be forgiven when the recipient completes three years of internship and employment in Saskatchewan.

THE FUNDING The Bursary/Forgivable Loan Program is fully funded by members of the SAA. Bursaries are available for up to three recipients annually and are intended to assist recipients in establishing a professional career in Saskatchewan.

THE RECIPIENTS Brad Pickard, Regina, SK, Dalhousie University – 2009 Recipient
Karly Wormworth, Prince Albert, SK, Savannah College of Art & Design – 2009 Recipient
Afsaneh Karamizadeh, Esfahan, Iran, University of Manitoba – 2009 Recipient
Bertrand Bartake, Melville, SK, University of Calgary – 2010 Recipient
Robyn Robertson, Cochrane, AB, Dalhousie University – 2010 Recipient
Mark Sin, Vancouver, BC, Dalhousie University – 2010 Recipient
Lori McGillivray, Wynyard, SK, University of British Columbia – 2011 Recipient
Stephanie Neufeld, Rosthern, SK, University of Waterloo – 2011 Recipient

THE ASSOCIATION The Saskatchewan Association of Architects (SAA) ensures the protection of the public interest and regulates and advances the profession of Architecture in the province of Saskatchewan. The Association was formed in 1912 and given authority to administer its own Act under provincial legislation which came into effect on July 31, 1912, was updated in 1996, and is known as An Act respecting The Saskatchewan Association of Architects (The Architects Act).

The Association is governed by a Council of ten members, consisting of seven elected resident architects, two public appointees (one a university faculty member), and the Past-President.

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