



SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING

Greetings SA+P Community,

This pandemic has called on our deepest reserves of patience, selflessness, hard work, creativity and kindness. Our community has transitioned and adapted to changing circumstances, and still stands strong, to which we are grateful. Thank you for your support and adaptation to the changes that have been made in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

A few updates on the School of Architecture and Planning from the Dean's Office:

As many of you know, UNM is currently operating at limited capacity in terms of physical presence on campus. However, this has not deterred our learning, and students continue to create, learn, critique and expand thought horizons, albeit in a new form of online learning. All courses are continuing through the end of the term. Summer courses will also be online, and we are planning multiple alternative modes for the fall. Research, scholarly writing, and creative works still flourish.

With our increased capacity for online learning and sharing, we are moving several upcoming events online. Please visit our [website](#) and follow our social media for updates.



Rendering from Pei Li, MLA student

Final reviews will be held during the first week of May, and we encourage the public to check in on our social media and website for updates on the scheduled critiques. Several critiques will be held virtually with options for the public to observe.

While we will not be holding an in-person commencement ceremony this spring, the SA+P media team is hard at work on creating a celebratory video for our graduates. The video will be available on May 16 across our social media and [website](#).

The School donated our supply of N95 masks, protective eyeglasses, and dust masks to the UNM Hospital. Faculty members have been printing and sewing masks. We have loaned a few laptops we had available to students who needed them to continue their studies, and assisted students with other needs via the [SA+P Dean's Fund](#). If you know of potential jobs for our students please send me an email and I can send the information along.

We are aware that this pandemic has put many populations at risk, from healthcare workers who are caring for our community to students lacking basic needs like food and a place to live. Fortunately, UNM has responded by [creating several funds to provide much-needed assistance](#) for our healthcare workers, students, and community. Please consider donating to these if you are able.

If you'd prefer to direct your gift directly to the [School of Architecture and Planning, you can do so by contributing to the SA+P Dean's Fund](#). This fund is used to support various initiatives at the Dean's discretion including providing an emergency fund for students affected by the crisis. Your gift will be greatly appreciated.

In all, we thank you again for your support of the School of Architecture and Planning and the UNM community. Continue to stay safe and informed

Be well.

Mark C. Childs,
Interim Dean



Student work from Spring 2020

