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The Fall Semester in Review

Faculty News

Congratulations to IND part time faculty Veronica Ryskalczyk and her husband Rick on the birth of their daughter Adeline. She arrived on December 6, 2018.

Jesse Walp attended the 2018 International Sculpture Conference in Philadelphia, PA.

Sister Ann Therese Kelly attended the Stained Glass Association Conference in Long Beach, CA and continues as director of the Stained Glass School. This summer she ran her annual Glass Camp for the Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart and took a glass engraving workshop at the Pittsburgh Glass Center.

California Closets Scholarship Award

This year the sophomore students were the very fortunate recipients of the first annual California Closets Scholarship Award. This is a project-based award with students utilizing the California Closets storage systems in the design of the Forever Home, a Studio 2 project.

The projects were submitted anonymously and judged by a panel of industry professionals. Students from both the BFA and the AAS programs were eligible, and a winner was selected from each. This year's recipients were Megan Marafino and Mindy Robins.

Box Lunch Lecture

The **Box Lunch Lecture** series continued with an informative *Tailored Talk* presented by Robert Beloff and Don Andler from Kravet Inc. The series will continue in the spring semester.



Megan Marafino and Mindy Robins, winners of the California Closets Scholarship Award



Construction and Building Systems class attending IDA Arc Creations demonstration event.



Herman Miller Showroom



Times Square



Studio 2 at Kentuck Knob

IDA Strategic Partners Events and Annual Meeting

This year, Villa Maria College hosted the Interior Design Association of Western New York for their Annual Members Meeting and a Strategic Partners Event. Students were invited to attend the presentations and the networking opportunity.

Earlier in the semester students from Construction and Building Systems had the unique opportunity to attend an IDA event hosted by Arc Creations. They watched a live demonstration of iron working.

Out of Town Studio Field Trips

Students once again were able to travel out of town for studio based field trips. This year's Studio 4 trip to NYC, led by Veronica Ryskalczyk took students first to the flagship Herman Miller Showroom. This was followed by a presentation and tour of the HOK offices, courtesy of Rob Szudzik, a past faculty member of the program. The weekend also included visits to the Cooper Hewitt Design Museum, the Whitney Museum, a visit to the Highline, Chelsea Market and numerous showrooms in the area including the newest Restoration Hardware. Students were also fortunate to have tours of several showrooms at the D&D Building, including Kravet, Lee Joffa and Brunschwig et Fils.

Studio 2 students were able to visit Pittsburgh, where they experienced docent led tours of Fallingwater, Kentuck Knob, the Frick Museum including the Children's Playhouse, Phipps Conservatory and the Center for Sustainable Landscapes. Special thanks to student Meghan Strain for arranging a special docent tour at Fallingwater by her cousin!

IIDA LinkedIn Workshop

Villa Students attended a valuable IIDA workshop on the effective use of LinkedIn, including a professional photo shoot with photographer and Villa alum Alexandra Piotrowski. The event was held at Prentice Office Environments.

In Club Activities

Fall 2018 Officers for the IN club, an IIDA Campus Center, are Lauren Kielma, president, Mindy Robins, vice-president, Samantha Levreault, treasurer, Chastian Cowans, secretary and most recently Bridget Schiltz, student representative to the IIDA Board. For Spring 2019 Lauren will be graduating and Emma Massimi will begin a term as president that will continue through to Spring 2020.

Service Learning and Professional Development

IND Students participated in multiple service learning/professional development projects this semester, beginning with proposals for the **Junior League Show House**. Students have been awarded a space, based on the theme 'Lost in Wonderland'.

Once again students designed and donated a beautiful wreath for **Festival of Trees** to benefit the John R. Oshei Children's Hospital.

During Thanksgiving break a group of volunteers from IND joined the IDA to decorate **Ronald McDonald House** for the holidays.

Mindy Robins, Briana Chris and Karina Ellefson-Wells volunteered to help Trautmann Associates with their CANstruction project for the Festival of Lights to benefit the **Food Pantry of Western New York**.

Taylor Grodesky, Julia Sergej and Mindy Robins had great fun building a Whoville themed Gingerbread House for the annual competition held at Millington Lockwood. The houses were donated to the **Kevin Guest House**.

Portfolio Review

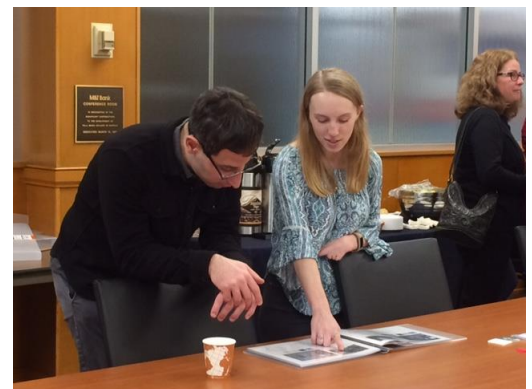
Senior students participated in 'Breakfast with the Designers', a Portfolio Review organized by adjunct faculty member Jill Wisz and held in the M&T Room. Practicing professionals and college representatives served as reviewers.



Mindy Robins, Markisha Harris, Karian Melendez-Rivera and Sandra Reicis at Ronald McDonald House



Villa Maria creation for the 3rd Annual Gingerbread competition held at Millington Lockwood



Senior Siera Rogers sharing her portfolio at the annual Breakfast with the Designers Portfolio Review

Final Critique

Final Critique was organized as a full day of student presentations from Studios 2, 4 and 6, held December 7, 2018.

Thanks go out to all of our guest critics and reviewers. Your support for the Villa program is greatly appreciated.



Sophomore students at the conclusion of the Fall Final Critique

Annual IND Student Exhibit

The Interior Design Student Exhibit will open on Friday, February 1st in the Paul William Beltz Art Gallery. We will honor our top students that night. This is a juried event. The IN Club is organizing a basket auction to raise money for Service Learning Projects and other student activities.

Please consider an awards donation or an auction item for this event. Contact either Sandra Reicis at reicis@villa.edu or IN Club President Emma Massimi at massimiek@villa.edu.

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Calendar of Events

- Jan 14 First day of classes
- TBD IIDA Event
- Feb 1 Student Exhibit Opening Reception
- Mar 17-24 Spring Break
- Apr 2 NY11+ NYC opening
- May 6 Thesis Presentations
- May 10 Final Critique
- May 16 Thesis Exhibit Opening Reception
- May 19 Commencement
- May 29 - June 9 Spain/Portugal Study Abroad