

THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

April 6th, 2021

Good morning,

I write to you with good news for The School of Architecture. I am pleased to announce we officially surpassed our \$100,000 fundraising goal for our donor match campaign (\$200,000 total). That means the incredible support you have provided is going to be doubled, an extraordinary feat at a critical time. We began this campaign in early February and, as you know had until April 1st to meet the challenge match which we more than accomplished in a stunning six weeks! Our final total exceeded our goal and we raised **\$110,075!**

On behalf of myself and the entire School, we want to sincerely thank you for your generosity and support. We would not have achieved this milestone without you, and we know this is not the first time many of you have stepped up for us. These funds will go toward building our new home at Acrosanti and Cosanti, will help maintain our hallmark shelter program as well as support student scholarships that reduce the burden of tuition for students seeking to experience our unique program. Finally, they will help to ensure we meet our operating needs this year.

You have done far more than help us raise much needed funds for the School, you have helped secure our future and reminded us that our community remains strong.

Finally, I wanted to share more about the School's upcoming activities. This summer, students will travel to North Carolina to construct a prototype tiny home at the Pitt Family Farm in rural Elm City, an historic black-owned farm established by Daniel and Francis Pitt in 1868. The building is currently being designed and prefabricated at the School with its installation slated to take place during the Juneteenth Harvest and Music Festival at the farm. The structure represents the first component of an ongoing School project to design a suite of facilities that will support an agriculture-centered learning-by-doing program for at-risk youth, hosted by the Pitt Family Farm and operated by a local non-profit called Hope Haven Academy.

Later in the summer, the School will return to the Midwest to study several important Wright sites in Wisconsin, Oak Park and Chicago during a month-long program in collaboration with the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT). Students will explore important work in the area, including private tours and events hosted by the owners of some of Wright's iconic Chicago-area homes. The students will also undertake a short design studio in coordination with the Chicago Biennial program, which opens this fall. We are excited to bring the school back to its Midwestern roots.

Thank you again for your support, your generosity, and your unyielding devotion to The School of Architecture, its eighty-nine-year history, and the legacy of Frank Lloyd Wright which we continue to carry on today.

When it is safe to travel, we hope you will come visit us at our new home.

With sincerest gratitude,



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