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2009 Calendar

For more information about events, visit our website at www.aiaeasternpa.org.

March 26 - Allied Member Night
www.csiallentown.org

April 23 - Lutron Lighting - Tour & Lecture

May 21 - DaVinci Center - **Family Event**

Allied members - have a special announcement? Send us your news to be posted here!

Visit our [web site](#) if you have not already and view all of the submissions for last year's Design Awards.

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"The Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of AIA is the voice of our regional architectural profession dedicated to serving and empowering its members. Our Vision is to inspire a better built environment by engaging the community through a culture of excellence and innovation."

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Check out the AIA Career Center...

- ✓ Resume Builder – Experience a more efficient resume/CV creation process, which allows the job seekers to upload their resume/CV from a desktop publishing program, such as Microsoft Word.
- ✓ Professional Profile – Create a professional presentation of job seekers qualifications. This easy-to-use feature pre-populates information from their resume, saving you time. And if you don't finish the first time through, their information will be saved so they can easily get back to it later.
- ✓ Searchable Portfolio – Increase job seekers exposure in an employer's search by creating an online portfolio of career-related documents, including work samples, cover letters or certification letters.
- ✓ Job Application Preview – Have more control with the ability to preview everything the job seekers submit to an employer, exactly as they will, before submitting their applications.
- ✓ Tighter Confidentiality – Take comfort in stricter confidentiality rules throughout our Career Center.

10,000 FRIENDS' COMMONWEALTH AWARDS

Deadline for entries is Friday, April 3, 2009. Entry fee is \$125 for project nominations. No entry fee for individual nominations.

For full details about eligibility criteria, entry forms, and submission instructions, please visit the website, commonwealthawards.org – or contact: 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania by phone at 215-985-3201 or by email at mlast@10000friends.org.

MID-ATLANTIC PRECAST ASSOCIATION (MAPA) LAUNCHES DESIGN 09

Awards will honor design excellence in the region's precast concrete structures.

For complete guidelines and requirements, or to nominate a precast concrete project, visit www.mapaprecast.org.

Register Today!

<http://www.aiaconvention.com>

Convention 2009

San Francisco

April 30 - May 2

**THE POWER OF DIVERSITY:
PRACTICE IN A COMPLEX WORLD**

Don't forget...

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Emerging Professionals - 2009 Convention

Want to attend the 2009 AIA Convention, but money is tight?!? The AIA is offering 100 free convention registration scholarships. Come to the AIA 2009 National Convention and Design Exposition and see the power of diversity for yourself. Take away knowledge from within the profession to support excellence in design, a commitment to environmental well-being, and the advancement of new technology, materials, and methods. [Click here](#) to see if you qualify.

Have Fun and Earn Valuable Continuing Education Credits

Are you aware that beginning in 2009 four out of the 18 credit hours required to fulfill your annual continuing education requirement must also address sustainable design? If you attended our chapter's January and February meetings, you're already 75% on the way to fulfilling this new requirement. If you missed the events, there are still ample opportunities to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow design professionals while earning valuable education credits.

Join us on March 26th for our annual Allied Member Night, where you can learn about the latest and greatest in product and construction development. In April we'll enjoy a facility tour of Lutron in Coopersburg, and the event will include a lecture on the use of energy efficient lighting and control systems in sustainable design – another 1.5 credit hours available for the taking.

Don't miss our May event – Family Night at the DaVinci Center. This special event will be a joint venture between the AIA EPC and our friends at the Delaware Valley Green Building Council (DVGBC) <http://www.dvgbc.org/>. The evening will include reduced rates for spouses and children under 16 years will be admitted free! There will also be a presentation on renewable energy – offering another credit hour in the sustainable design category!

Hope to see you there!

AIA EPC Kicks Off Scholarship During February Event

The AIA EPC is grateful to our friends at Morris Black, and in particular vice president, Bob Black, for his generous support in hosting our February event at the Morris Black facility in Allentown, PA. Nearly thirty chapter members enjoyed the social hour, two facility tours and an educational lecture on the *“role of insulation in sustainable design.”*

Resulting from Bob Black's generosity and financial support, our chapter was able to earmark 100% of the registration fees to officially kick off the newly established AIA Eastern PA scholarship program.

This program will allocate up to \$2000 annually to assist current architectural students who reside within the chapter's five-county jurisdiction with their academic pursuits at an accredited architecture school. Eligible students must have completed at least one year at an accredited undergraduate program, or be pursuing a graduate degree at an accredited architecture school. More information regarding the scholarship, including downloadable applications will soon be available on our chapter website, <http://www.aiaeasternpa.org/>

Many thanks to our chapter participants and to Bob Black and his entire staff for helping our chapter kick off this valuable service during our February event!

Architects **Grassroots 2009**

The following is what was presented to members of our congress and staff within our chapter during the February visit.

A. Rebuild and Renew

KEY MESSAGE: The AIA's plan calls on Congress to prioritize funding in the economic recovery package to projects that will stimulate the design and construction industries. The AIA's plan will enable architects and builders to create safe and modern infrastructure, energy efficient buildings, and sustainable communities. The plan urges Congress to fund projects in existing federal programs that can commence within 24 months of enactment.

1. **Expand the Energy Efficient Commercial Building Tax Deduction.** In order to get American building again, Congress should incentivize energy efficient new construction and renovations of existing buildings.

2. **Support funding for Schools.** Schools across the country are in desperate need of restoration. Modernized, green schools promote healthy, high achieving students, and help reduce the facility's operating costs through reduced energy use. As Congress prepares to spend billions on infrastructure, modernizing our nation's schools should be a top priority.

B. Longer-term issues

1. **Promote Healthy and Safe Communities Through Transportation Funding.** The AIA supports well-designed transportation projects that promote economic development, congestion relief, sustainability, and livable and walkable communities. The AIA issued a report a year ago, *Moving Communities Forward*, which shows the benefits of well-designed transportation projects to community development. This year's debate on a transportation bill provides a chance to help communities plan and design transportation systems that reduce congestion, improve the environment and foster economic prosperity.

2. **Eliminate Retainage Rules on Architects and Engineers.** Current rules allow federal agencies to withhold up to 10 percent of an architect's or engineer's fees until the end of a design project, which is far beyond what is customary for other services, and which places a huge, unnecessary burden on small design businesses. The Small Business Administration identified this as one of the top 10 rules that hurt small businesses in 2008.

3. **Health Care Reform.** Congress will attempt to pass comprehensive health care reform later this year. The specific plans are still in the works but you can use this opportunity to remind your legislators that health care is a critical issue and it must be addressed.