



9 LAF Ignite students graduated with their landscape architecture degrees. The 3 continuing Ignite students were joined by 7 new participants.

2025 BY THE NUMBERS



LANDSCAPE
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91 exceptional student leaders

recognized as 2025 LAF Olmsted Scholars with **\$64,000** awarded to 2 national winners and 6 finalists

\$387,000

invested in landscape architects through LAF research, scholarships, and leadership programs



\$25,000 awarded

through the LAF Research Grant in Honor of Deb Mitchell to explore maintenance-related challenges to increasing biodiversity in large public and institutional landscapes



Collaboration on energy landscapes continued with a webinar and workshop on transmission corridors.



1 unexpected honor

for LAF CEO Barbara Deutsch, who was awarded the ASLA President's Medal for her tireless work to elevate the discipline of landscape architecture through LAF

LAF awarded free CEUs to hundreds of individuals through webinars and trainings.

2,500
Professional
Development
Hours

A partnership with The Learning Network of the Nature and Health Alliance bridges the design and health fields with a joint webinar and reprinting of LAF case studies.



1st Gala Dinner

LAF piloted this small, private event before our Annual Benefit, setting a new fundraising record.

Kristina Hill received the LAF Medal, and the Founders' Award went to the Detroit Collaborative Design Center. Dennis Otsuji received the Legacy Award for service to LAF.



\$165,000 in scholarships

awarded to **26** deserving students to reward superior performance, support access and diversity, and assist with financial need



600 supporters celebrated with LAF at our 40th Annual Benefit in New Orleans.

6 new case studies

of exemplary landscapes with quantified benefits



6 LAF Fellows

presented their work on rewilding agriculture, landscapes as learning labs, infrastructure adaptation, and more at LAF's Symposium for Innovation + Leadership in June.





A Message from LAF CEO Barbara Deutsch

For many, 2025 brought extraordinary change and uncertainty. For LAF, the year was defined by thoughtful reflection and intentional groundwork to sustain and deepen our impact despite these unprecedented challenges. A major focus of the year was strategic planning to update LAF's organizational identity, clarify LAF's theory of change, and craft the 2026-28 strategic plan that will position LAF for its next phase of mission- and values-driven impact.

After 8 successful overlapping years, we took a planned time-out to put structures in place to leverage and build upon the power of the LAF Fellowship for Innovation and Leadership. Through new communities of practice and a formal alumni network, LAF will support past Fellows, catalyze connections across cohorts, and increase their multiplier effect as transformational leaders.

LAF's continued investments in research, scholarships, and leadership initiatives during this unmatched period of change are more important than ever. We will continue to empower individuals and support the landscape architecture discipline to navigate and forge new paths toward our shared vision, where people and planet thrive together by design. Thank you for being part of the incredible LAF community and for all you do to answer the call!

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