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► **Mentorship: Starting a Mentoring Program at Your YAF**

Mentor (mĕn'tôr):
1. A wise and trusted counselor or teacher.
2. An influential senior sponsor or supporter.

AIA New Mexico created one of the most successful mentoring programs to date with the help of three young architects who revived their local YAF chapter by instituting a program that made connections and provided an informal interaction between students, young architects, and Fellows.

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► **Leadership: A Profile of Pierre Theriot, AIA**

Sometimes the most rewarding work is that which you do in your own backyard. In the case of young architect Pierre Theriot, AIA, visions of working on high-profile international projects gave way to the realities of accomplishing much as a designer close to home.

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► **Fellowship: Regional Spotlight - A Look at the South Atlantic Region**

What do architecture, rock and roll, and the United Way have in common? The members of AIA Charleston decided to use their creative skills to “rock out” and raise awareness for local charities at the same time.

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► **Design: Warroad Land of Port Entry**

Blending safety, security and regional aesthetic, the new Land Port of Entry in Northern Minnesota is a case study in modern sustainability. Matthew Kreilich, AIA, describes the multiple program requirements that went into the design of this facility.

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► **Articles of Interest:**

Utah YAF

Good design in small markets is generally viewed as the exception, not the rule. In order to dispel this myth Greg Walker decided something needed to happen in the city that he lives to change that perception. It is with this inspiration in mind that the Young Architects Forum of Utah was reborn and reinvigorated. There are many reasons to become inspired to start or join a YAF. The things that motivated him are the types of events that raise design awareness in his city.

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To Shred or Not to Shred:

Every firm has documents that should be destroyed, not simply discarded. Documents must be destroyed because firms need to maintain confidentiality when dealing with employee, client or business records that contain personal or proprietary information.

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► **Book Review: Foresight**

Foresight is the latest installment of The Architectural League of New York Young Architects Series. Every year the League and jurors come up with a new theme for the book, which they use to determine which architects should be featured. The authors define Foresight, as “the ability to survey, research, and engage the present toward particular desired outcomes in the future.”

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► **Announcements:**

Ideas Competition by Young Architects Forum (YAF) and Committee on Design (CoD):

The Young Architects Forum in conjunction with the Committee on Design created an ideas competition looking for innovative solutions to shelter needs following a disaster. The winning submissions were displayed at the 2010 AIA National Convention in Miami.

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The Emerging Professionals Component Grant:

The College of Fellows has established a small grants fund to assist AIA components in the development of programs which foster the mission of Young Architects and Associates. These funds may be used to enhance the activities of an existing Emerging Professionals group or as seed money to help start a new one. Applications are due on August 16th.

... [for the EP Component Grant Application, click here](#)

Share Your Thoughts!

On the AIA Archiblog at <http://blog.aia.org/yaf/>. Current postings include the sharing of crazy work stories, a debate over architects in the movies, and a discussion of work/life balance. Other topics are definitely invited! [Join the discussion.](#)

Call for Articles

Do you have an interesting program or idea of interest to young architects that you would like to see featured in the Connection? Contact Jennifer Workman, AIA, 2009 YAF Communications Advisor at yaf@aia.org.

Know Someone Who's Not Getting The YAF Connection?

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