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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Greetings from the UC Davis Landscape Architecture Program! We hope this e-mail finds you happy and healthy. Here's our latest news, events and opportunities for you to get involved.

**SURGE OF INTEREST IN LDA MAJOR:**

The number of freshmen identifying themselves as pre-landscape architecture majors has tripled this year! We attribute some of the increased demand to landscape architecture being named by US News and World Report as "One of the Best Jobs to have in 2006" ([http://biz.yahoo.com/special/job06\\_article1.html](http://biz.yahoo.com/special/job06_article1.html)). Word is definitely spreading that landscape architects make a difference, and have a great time doing so!

**ACCREDITATION:**

Our program was recently reviewed by the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB) and came through with flying colors, receiving full accreditation for six more years!

**DR. STEPHEN WHEELER JOINS LDA FACULTY IN JANUARY '07:**

Wheeler is an expert in sustainable planning, received his Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning from UC Berkeley in 2000 and has been teaching for five years at the University of New Mexico. He is the author of *Planning for Sustainability: Toward Livable, Equitable, and Ecological Communities* (Routledge, 2004) and co-editor of *The Sustainable Urban Development Reader* (Routledge, 2004).

**NEW HOME FOR LDA:**

We recently completed the design development phase for the renovation of Hunt Hall. Plans include spacious, well-lit studios, a critique room, conference room, collaborative research spaces and—of course—a demonstration garden in the courtyard where our talented students can spotlight their designs. Architects are developing construction documents, with move-in set for summer '08! We hope to have the support of generous friends and alumni to help make this new home a place for exceptional teaching, innovation and engagement.

**CENTERS FOR RESEARCH & OUTREACH:**

Our faculty have been closely involved in planning for two emerging centers for research and outreach—the Center for the Study of Regional Change and the Center for Urban Horticulture. Both are interdisciplinary, interdepartmental initiatives targeting issues of immediate concern to California citizens, with a particular focus on the northern California region. Stay tuned for more information.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT LDA:**

We know that many of you generously support UCD through gifts at this time of year. Just a reminder that you can designate your gift for the Landscape Architecture Program by making a special notation that directs your gift to our department. We are working with the campus to identify specific gift opportunities, such as scholarships, amenities for our new space in Hunt Hall and a lecture series.

**JOIN US FOR AT THE WINTER LUNCHBAG LECTURE SERIES:**

You're invited you to attend LDA's winter 2007 Lunchbag Lecture Series, led by Professor Mark Francis, focusing on our faculty research efforts. For more information and the schedule, visit our Web site at <http://lda.ucdavis.edu/newsevents/>.

**SEND US YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION:**

We want to know where you are and how you're doing both personally and professionally. Send your contact information and your latest news to [lda@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lda@ucdavis.edu). If you know of any LDA alumni who aren't receiving our e-mails, please send us their e-mail address or encourage them to contact us.

Best Wishes for the New Year!

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