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Interested in being
a Young Architect
Representative for your
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current Rep or your
state component
leadership to apply.

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NYK Tutorial – Master Pages InDesign

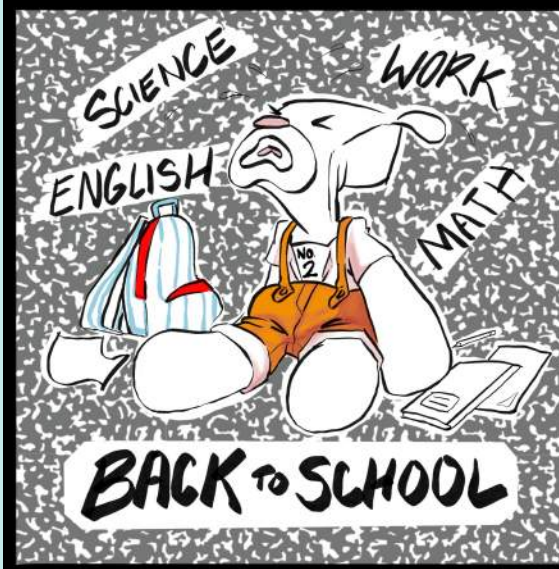
One change, multiple
pages – watch how
Master Pages can save
you time in InDesign.

Check it out [here!](#)

AIA Awards Submissions still open!

The AIA National Awards portfolio – 2026 Awards Season has multiple programs still open for application throughout this calendar year. Submission dates vary depending on which award you apply for.

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Charting Your Own CAREER PATH As a Young Architect

An insightful discussion focused on *Growth and Career Evolution*

There's no single path in architecture.

Our career journeys are unique and shaped by personal experiences, values, setbacks and growth. Explore highlights from the conversation on how the panelists have navigated a successful career by charting their own paths.

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Principal, Design Director | Ganster

JANICE WILLIAMS, NOMA
Co-Founder & Executive Director | LeaderFlow

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Professor of Practice | University of Maryland

- Leadership is very organic. It is recognizing your own goodness to do extraordinary things by elevating the greatness of others.
- As a design leader, try to capture design through context and culture to inspire others. We need to be sensitive to local context, the culture, and people that we work with.
- On "charting your own career path", I would take it a step further by thinking about creating the life that you want.
- Personal growth fueled my professional development. Take advantage of developing your self-leadership first and then figure out how that can contribute to the leadership of others, teams and organizations.
- I think it's important to, at different stages of your career, to take a moment and ask yourself, "is what I am doing bringing joy to others, and also myself?"
- Be a lifelong learner and stay curious.

Open Mic Night
The Digital Shift
Guiding Practice Through Emerging Technologies

YAF hosted an Open Mic Night in August. Be on the lookout for a future event and stay in touch by following the YAF Community Hub!

Check out "Taking Care
of Business: Transparency
in Firm Ownership" at
the 2025 NOMA Annual
Conference in Kansas City!

Presented by YAF, this
session will take place on
Friday, October 10 from
11:30 - 1:00 PM CT

Register [here](#)

Puerto Rico Fact:

Old San Juan, founded in 1521, is the oldest continuously inhabited city under U.S. jurisdiction. Its historic urban layout follows a formal grid centered around plazas and civic buildings – a legacy of Spanish colonial planning still evident today.

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