

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MINORITY ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

MISSION

By building strong chapters of design professionals whose sensibilities and interests include promotion of urban communities, we are able to respond to the concerns that affect marginalized communities and people. Our goals are to increase the level of participation in the social, political and economic benefits afforded the citizens of this nation and to tear down the barriers that make full participation unattainable.

The National Organization of Minority Architects

(NOMA) mission is to champion diversity within

the design professions by promoting the

excellence, community engagement, and professional development of its members.

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OUR CHAPTER

The UB chapter was founded in April 2012 by three graduate students - Timothy Ung, Brijhette Farmer, and Okoa Kinsey - with avid support from the Department of Architecture. Since our founding, membership and involvement in the chapter has been growing exponentially.



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FIRM VISITS

We visit architecture, engineering, construction, and planning firms in the Buffalo area about four times per semester to expose students to a variety of professional environments. The visits allow students to ask questions, network, and land internships and summer job opportunities.

COMPETITIONS

Each year, NOMA holds a nationwide design competition. Students from ubNOMAS enter this competiton, which opens in March, and present their work alongside others at the annual NOMA conference in October

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

We are building relationships with other student-run organizations - Alpha Rho Chi, the American Institute of Architecture Students, and the Graduate Associations for both Architecture and Planning - in hope of undertaking larger collaborative projects which advance professionalism in the University.

