Dear BAC Students,

In a year full of trauma brought about by the pandemic, and the plague of social injustice, we have been thrown apart spatially. But, through these shockwaves, and its rippling effects, we come together as a community and as a society to acknowledge and unravel the systemic racism afflicting our country for centuries. When any segment of our society feels unsafe, and systematically oppressed, the superstructure of our society will crumble.

As I mentioned in my message last week, we, the entire BAC community, are going to do more than just make statements. We are going to continue to be part of the solution as an academic community. The entire BAC community promotes a culture that celebrates, affirms, and vigorously pursues diversity, equity, and inclusiveness in all its forms.

I ask each of you to join me and Pritzker Prize-winning architect Thom Mayne along with a host of cutting-edge thought leaders this Wednesday, June 10, 2020 for BAC Talks. We will discuss the issues of race and space with timely topics as Crisis As Conversation, Designing Inclusive Spaces that Draw Us Together, Trauma Informed Design, and Design Thinking for Reframing and Problem Solving in the Post-Pandemic World.

So, as we begin another week, I reinforce that the BAC community is here to support each other—to speak up for our community—and to act in meaningful ways to bring about change through our mission.

In addition to empathetic listening, we have many resources available at the BAC to support you through these unsettling times. Our offices of Student Life and Human Resource Development are always available to support you. Through the Employee Assistance Program, our employees can access counseling and other ways of coping with anxiety. Through the Student Assistance Program, our students can access similar services. If you have concerns, or questions, you may reach out to Richard Griswold, Dean of Students, and he will coordinate a response for you.

I look forward to a day of reflection with you, our faculty, staff, alumni, and other leaders across the globe. We remain #InThisTogether!

Compassionately yours,

Dr. Mahesh Daas, President

Additional News + Resources

Register for BAC Talks today! Visionary architect, recipient of the 2005 Pritzker Prize, principal architect of LA based firm Morphosis, and winner of the 2013 AIA Gold Medal, we are thrilled to announce that Thom Mayne will be our keynote speaker! Mayne’s most notable works include New York’s Cooper Union building, Emerson
College in Los Angeles, and the Caltrans District 7 Headquarters. Mayne also helped found the Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc).

REGISTER TODAY!

BSA Coffee Conversations: Students Meet Emerging Professionals

BSA Coffee Conversations is a unique opportunity for architecture students and new graduates to connect with Emerging Professionals (EP’s) at a time when traditional internships, co-ops, and jobs are on pause due to COVID-19.

SIGN UP HERE!

Special Announcement from Dr. Mahesh Daas

Watch this video message regarding the BAC’s plans for the fall 2020 semester. Please note we understand you have questions and we are working promptly to share a FAQ with you as soon as possible. Thank you!
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Sign-Up to be a part of the Summer Academy teaching group this year in virtual playgrounds

ONLINE

Since 1973, the Summer Academy has complemented the education of High-School students with hands-on design and material exercises. Going online in 2020, enrolled students will receive the materials through the mail to follow simultaneously the full-scale example being executed by the faculty member. Daily discussions in synchronous webinars will lead the student exercises. Case study building and professional firm visits, for example, through virtual reality will parallel the design/build teams of students in developing and experiencing their projects online.

Be part of the teaching group this summer & earn Practice credits!

To learn more and sign-up, please contact: academy@the-bac.edu

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As always, please visit our COVID-19 page for the latest information. If you have questions, please direct them to emergencymanagement@the-bac.edu. You can also follow us on Twitter @TheBACBoston for up-to-date and relevant information.

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