

the **Conway** School

Graduate Program in Sustainable Landscape Planning + Design

The mission of the Conway School is to explore, develop, practice, and teach design of the land that is ecologically and socially sustainable.

Dear Friend of Conway,

We have an in-person class once again!

We have returned to a trace-paper-filled studio, field work, formal presentations, and more of the typical Conway School experience. Students dove right into the design process from day one of orientation. They headed into the field with faculty, visiting local sites such as the Summit House on Mt. Holyoke and honing their observation, drawing, and mapping skills. This year's class was better prepared than most, because half of the students took the online class offered during the "pandemic year." In June we'll be celebrating their graduation.

As you know, a Conway School education means both tradition and innovation. We are:

- small, immersive, hands-on, and nimble
- focused on technical skills, professional practice, problem solving, and collaborative work
- carefully balanced between designing with pencil on paper and using the computer
- teaching through real projects for real clients

At the same time, The Conway School's approach emphasizes the future:

- bringing ecological and systems thinking of climate resilience to every project
- balancing the need for food security and the conservation of habitat and species
- focusing on recovery of post-industrial cities and towns, improving urban infrastructure, designing green spaces with disadvantaged neighborhoods, and creating more walkable, welcoming, and safe streets

The Conway School significantly changes the lives of our students, and your support helps them:

- build a foundation of observation and analysis to understand underlying ecological and social systems through the lens of real projects for real clients
- practice the collaboration and multi-disciplinary skills they need to make a significant difference towards addressing the climate challenges we all face
- earn a master's degree and create a portfolio of work accomplished
- start their careers with contacts in the field and in the Conway Alum Network, a community of seekers, learners and doers who chart their own career paths
- go out into the world with the confidence they can make meaningful change

Now more than ever, our world needs problem solvers and systems thinkers—designers with high-level skills and collaborative approaches.

We Need Your Support!

The Conway School's Annual Fund supports an extraordinary faculty, need-based student grants, and the school's equity/diversity initiatives. We measure our success during each year's Annual Fund appeal partly by total financial support, but more importantly by participation each year. Gifts of all sizes are appreciated and have a significant impact. Please give generously at csl.d.edu/donate.

Thank you for being part of the Conway School community. You are an essential partner—we are deeply grateful for the critical role you play in our fundraising success. We are counting on your support to continue teaching this generation of ecological designers and planners. Please give generously at csl.d.edu/donate.

May you have a happy, peaceful holiday season and joyous beginning to 2022.

With appreciation and kind wishes,



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Please consider forwarding this email to at least one person who might be aligned with the mission of the Conway School and appreciate learning about our unique school.