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Tuskegee University Wins National Student Competition of NOMA

Tuskegee architecture students win first National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) Student Competition as a Historically Black College or University (HBCU). See full story [here](#).



First row Vicki Carter (assistant professor), Carla Jackson Bell (TSACS Dean), President Charlotte P. Morris, Amma Asamoah (assistant professor), and Kwesi Daniels (department head of architecture). Second row from left to right Journi Goodman (TU NOMAS Vice-President and winner of the 2022 National Student of the Year Award); Satchel Sandifer, Trenton Scott (competition presenter), Rikeya Wallace, and Andrea Mejia. Third row from left to right, Nilreign Johnson, Marco Aubin, Tyler Littles, Lawrence Thompson III, India Scott, Jalen Carlyle, Fourth row Elijah Cintron, K'vaughn Dildy, and Jordan Lamar. (not pictured) Chance Huff, TU NOMAS President and competition presenter.

COA Renewal Window Closing Soon



Only days left to renew Certificate of Authorizations. The expiration date of April 30, 2023 is fast approaching. Delay no more and

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Red Tape Reduction for Exam Candidates



The BOA consistently analyzes administrative processes with an eye towards increasing efficiency and service. It is important to the Board to reduce red tape and remove any unnecessary barriers to licensure.

An improved method for applying to take the Architect Registration Exam (ARE) was identified that accomplishes both red tape reduction and increased service to applicants. The solution—the Board has entered into an Exam Eligibility Services Agreement with NCARB. With this partnership, exam candidates will apply directly and solely to NCARB.

This will eliminate the redundant step of submitting the same information to both the Board and to NCARB for approval to sit for the exam as well as eliminate the Intern application fee to the Board. Yet, Alabama's requirements remain in place for public protection. We call that another step for smart government.

Congratulations to New ARE Licensees

Emma Clark—Birmingham, Alabama

John B. Plaster—Atlanta, Georgia

Christian A. Smooth—Birmingham, Alabama

Natasha Liston-Beck—Huntsville, Alabama

The Public Trust

Paula Pilgreen, Executive Director



Architects are granted a high level of public trust due to the practice of Architecture being a profession rather than an occupation. Professions are distinct in being complex or technical in nature and having a direct impact on the public's health, safety, and welfare. In addition, a profession requires the three E's—Education, Examination, and Experience. The level of expertise required to become a Registered Architect is appropriate for public protection. Obtaining licensure comes with both great pride in the accomplishment and with great responsibility to honor that public trust.

At the Alabama Board for Registration of Architects, everything we do must serve the public. There are many components of licensing responsibly. Service is at the heart of it all. It is a professional regulator's duty to extirpate wastefulness and status quo. Likewise, we are duty bound to amplify efficiency and service. Quality service to the public, applicants, and licensees is our measure of success as a licensure program.

Just as responsible licensing provides a safety net to the public, The State of Alabama also provides safety nets to ensure boards are meeting their mandate and serving the public effectively. Some of these existing safety nets serving Alabama well are:

The Alabama Legislature—The Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee conducts an intensive review and hearing for each individual board's continuation or elimination a minimum of every four years.

The Examiners of Public Accounts—Provides rigorous audits every two years.

The Legislative Services Agency—Publicizes proposed rule amendments inviting public comment with specific review to ensure there is no restriction of trade.

The Finance Department—Strict enforcement of checks and balances for all board financials.

Ultimately, we all share the same goal of honoring the public trust. What a responsibility—what a privilege.

Outreach to Architecture Students & Licensure Candidates

Emily Coe, AIA, LEED AP, BOA Vice-Chair



I recently had the opportunity to join NCARB in their Alabama outreach to students and licensure candidates at Auburn & Samford University where Jeremy Fretts of NCARB presented. As the State Licensure Advisor, I relish in the opportunity to help teach students about the value of licensure and to create those face to face connections. The outreach topics were focused on students learning about the transition into the profession and about the licensure process and requirements both nationally as well as those geared specifically to our state. NCARB also held presentations for AIA Montgomery which Jimmy Seay with the BOA graciously attended as well as Tuskegee University which was represented by our Chair, Nolanda Hatcher. Our BOA Executive Director, Paula Pilgreen was able to attend all four of the sessions.

I am thankful to be a part of a board that is committed to growing our registration base and helping to mentor upcoming registrants on their quest to become licensed. I am hopeful that by this continued outreach, we can not only educate students but also educate the public on the importance of regulation as this helps to protect the overall health, safety and welfare of those that we strive to serve. Architects have a responsibility to not only design a structure that looks safe, but that actually is safe. Accountability is critical in our profession and I am hopeful that with continued outreach programs, those that come after us and those that we serve can see the value in regulating our profession.



Auburn University March 15, 2023. *From Left: Emily Coe, BOA Vice-Chair; Katrina Kassis, Auburn Student; and Jeremy Fretts of NCARB.*



AIA Montgomery, March 14, 2023. *Jeremy Fretts of NCARB presents.*



Samford University March 16, 2023. Jeremy Fretts of NCARB presents.

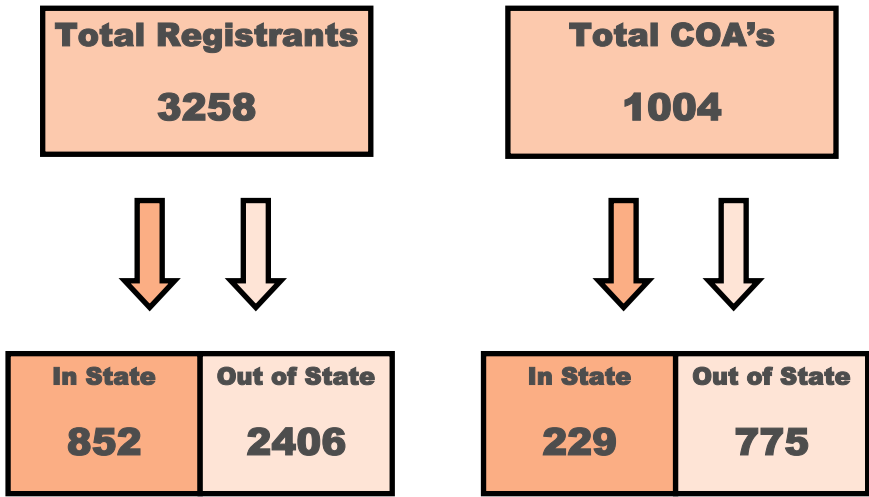


Samford University March 16, 2023. From Left: Jim Griffo, Lecturer; Ryan Misner, Assistant Professor, and Jeremy Fretts of NCARB.

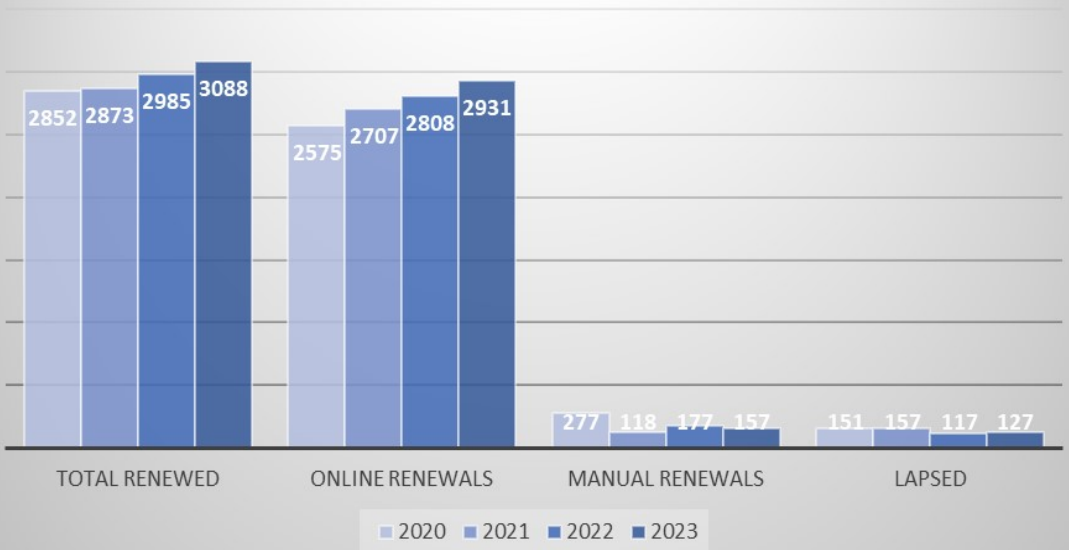


Answer: D
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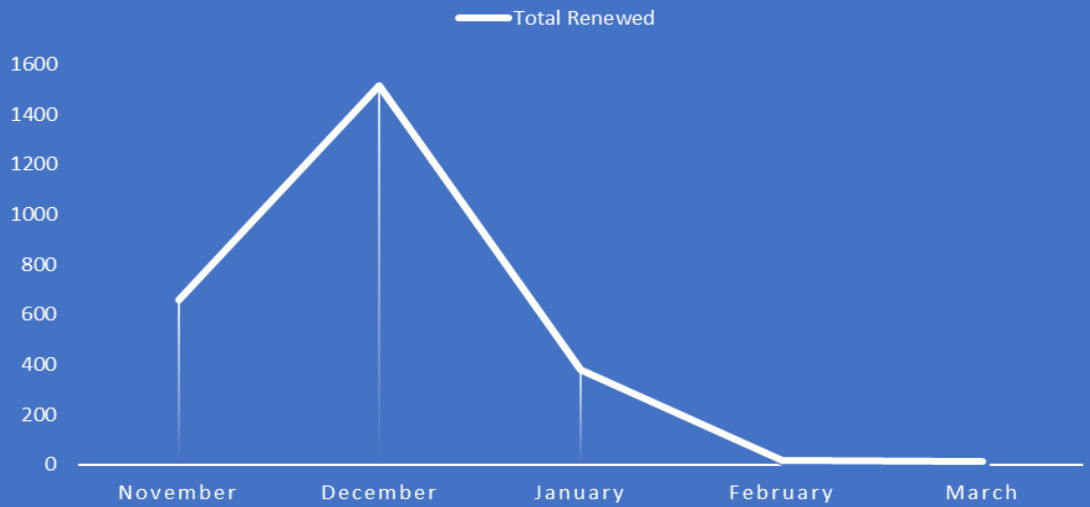
BOA By The Numbers



Renewal Data 2020 - 2023



RENEWAL TIMELINE 2022-2023



ARE 5.0 Total Passed	22	ARE 5.0 Total Failed	10
Project Planning & Design	2	Project Planning & Design	2
Programming & Analysis	2	Programming & Analysis	2
Project Development & Documentation	2	Project Development & Documentation	0
Project Management	12	Project Management	1
Practice Management	0	Practice Management	5
Construction & Evaluation	4	Construction & Evaluation	0

Quotable Quote

“Good buildings come from good people and all problems are solved by good design.”

Stephen Gardine



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