

# STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



## Kedishia Joseph

Kedishia Joseph is the first in her family to pursue a career in architecture. Hailing from Grenada and the last of five siblings, Kedishia has always believed in creating a legacy that she and her family can be proud of. With a career in architecture, Kedishia hopes to affect positive changes and be the voice for those in minority communities who are often voiceless.

Kedishia is currently in the third year of her Bachelor of Architecture degree at the Spitzer School of Architecture at CCNY. She serves as Vice President for the National Organization of Minority Students, as Media Chairperson for the New York Chapter of NOMA, and as a volunteer for NYCMakesPPE.



## Abraham Mora-Valle

Abraham Mora-Valle was born and raised in Pomona, CA. He spent every weekend across the border in Tijuana, Mexico, developing a deep appreciation for his Mexican heritage, before moving to New York City for his undergraduate studies. Abraham attended Columbia University and graduated in 2017 with a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture. At Columbia he worked closely with different groups, advocating for increased funding for Black, Indigenous, and Latinx student groups across the university.

After Columbia, Abraham joined Teach for America, where he taught fourth- and seventh-grade students in the San Antonio Independent School District while coaching cross country and LGBTQ+ teachers. Abraham moved to New Haven in 2019 to pursue a Master in Architecture degree at the Yale School of Architecture, where he currently serves as a University Senator for the graduate program. He is currently enrolled in the Williams/Tsien Advanced Design Studio, where he is designing a Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library.



## Farzana Ramnath

Farzana Ramnath is a third-year of the Bachelor of Architecture student at the New York City College of Technology. She is currently the President of her school's Architecture Club, a group where students come together to support each other and have opportunities to meet guest speakers from the industry. For the past three semesters, Farzana has also participated in the Perkins Peer Advisement program, through which she mentors her peers in design classes she has already completed. This experience also allows her to gain insight into how different students tackle similar projects with different approaches.

Outside of academics, Farzana enjoys arts and crafts with her nephews, fishing, and baking. Farzana's family came to America from Guyana when she was five years old. She has been working since she was fifteen years old. As an architect, she hopes to design places that support users, while also helping the planet heal.



## Saba Salekfard

Saba Salekfard is a Los Angeles-based designer and educator. She earned her Bachelor in Architecture from Cal Poly Pomona, receiving the Outstanding Thesis Prize and Alpha Rho Chi medal. Her work has been published in Archinect, Vice, and the World Architecture Festival. In 2019, her project "The Los Angeles Transcripts: Part II" was exhibited at the Architecture & Design Museum in Downtown Los Angeles. Saba has taught at Cal Poly's Department of Architecture as a lecturer and studio professor, and worked for the international firm 5+ Design. She is currently pursuing a Master of Architecture at the Yale School of Architecture.