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Boston Architectural College establishes Howard Elkus Scholarship

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Howard Elkus, Elkus
Manfredi Architects

Boston, MA The Boston Architectural College (BAC) has established the Howard F. Elkus Scholarship to benefit its students in memory of the renowned architect who passed away on April 1. This endowed scholarship will provide critical aid to financially disadvantaged and underrepresented minority students at the BAC. The first scholarship is anticipated to be awarded fall 2017.

“Howard’s passing is an enormous loss to the Boston Architectural College, and to the entire design profession, nationally and internationally,” said Glen LeRoy, president of the BAC. “He was a visionary, a transformative member of our Board of Trustees, and a true friend. Howard was deeply committed to the College’s mission of providing design education to students who are underrepresented in architecture and the related industries. He will be profoundly missed by the BAC community and beyond.”

Elkus served as an overseer from 2009 to 2015 and then as a trustee from 2015 to 2017. He believed in the College’s mission, which is to diversify the design professions by providing any student the opportunity to pursue his or her dream to study design. Elkus championed dozens of BAC students and hired many to work at Elkus Manfredi Architects, the award-winning firm he co-founded in 1988 with architect David Manfredi. To ensure that Elkus’s commitment to the BAC endures, the scholarship was created with gifts made in his memory to carry on his legacy and leave a lasting impact on future generations of BAC students.

Howard Elkus, FAIA, RIBA, LEED AP was an internationally recognized architect and urban planner responsible for the design of numerous widely acknowledged landmark projects during his distinguished career. Since co-founding Elkus Manfredi Architects in 1988 with architect David Manfredi, and previously as a principal of The Architects Collaborative, Howard’s work consistently broke new ground with diverse project types from single buildings to urban master plans on a grand scale. With David Manfredi, they built a major international architecture and design practice around their shared dedication to the value of place-making and community-building. The firm’s work includes the New Balance headquarters, Hudson Yards in Manhattan, Miami Worldcenter and Harvard University’s Graduate Commons.

Founded more than 125 years ago, The Boston Architectural College offers spatial design bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture, interior architecture, landscape architecture, and design. It also provides certificates in digital design and visualization and sustainable design. The BAC was the first architectural school to offer online architecture and design degrees.

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