

GAYANDRIAL 'IVY' HENDERSON, ASLA

Candidate for Jacksonville Section Chair

American Society of Landscape Architects, Florida Chapter



The love I have for the outdoors and those less fortunate have been a part of who I am since a very early age. When stumbling across the profession of Landscape Architecture early on, I knew that this was my calling. During my time at the University of Florida, I learned, I could help transform, inspire and improve the quality of life of those in undeserved communities. Since graduating from the with my Bachelor of Landscape Architecture I began my career as a Landscape Designer with the City of Jacksonville in the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

Since being with the City I have been able to make various impacts in the City's Parks System. Within the year I have been placed in charge of managing all design projects, improvements and upgrades made to the parks on the Northside of the St. Johns River. Through my work I have been able to create spaces and improve existing amenities that can improve the quality of life of those in these communities. Outside of my everyday job, I work with neighborhood leaders, non-profits and developers in the redevelopment of The Historic Eastside Neighborhood in Jacksonville. During my time at UF I created a community redevelopment plan for the Eastside Neighborhood and was able to present it to the community shortly after graduation. I have been able to be on projects that will change the Eastside neighborhood, with my most recent project being the design of an outdoor educational and entertainment space for The Brotherhood Society.

As Jacksonville Section Chair, I would be able to take what I am learning and continue to push the section into greater heights and into spaces that we have yet reached. Not only will members be able to network with like-minded individuals, there will also be opportunities for network building with City officials and employees, creating a greater presence and understanding of Landscape Architecture. Through community service, advocacy, and philanthropic events members will also be able to connect with various types of communities and learn different perspectives that is imperative to our work as Landscape Architects.

I look forward to potential opportunity to give back to the City of Jacksonville as FLASA Jax Section Chair. As a native of Jacksonville, I have high hopes for the transformation and improvements that can be made in the City by this section.

Education

- Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Magna Cum Laude, University of Florida 2019

Professional Experience

- Landscape Designer (2019); Parks Design Intern (2018), City of Jacksonville Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department 2019
- Landscape Architecture Intern, CHW, 2017

Involvement

- Future Landscape Architects of America (FLAA) Student Representative (University of Florida)
- UF SCASLA Advocacy Committee
- ASLA Student Member 2018