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CMSE 2026 - Event Report

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Event Description

**352 Total
Attendees**

A full-day event for AEC Professionals to connect with the Masonry Trade and expand their Masonry knowledge in Sustainability, EPDs & LCAs, Architecture & Design Trends, Decarbonization, Building Materials, Energy Efficiency, AEC Software, Robotics, Fire Resistance and Resilience, BIM, innovations, and much more!

- 24 World Class Speakers
- 28 Exhibitors & Industry Partners
- 11 Speaking Sessions & Panels for Learning & Continued Education
- Networking Opportunities
- Spin-the-Wheel Prizes!
- Masonry Architecture Student's Design Awards Ceremony

Objectives

California Masonry Council (CMC)'s mission is to be a catalyst, advocate, and the best masonry resource in California.

Our organization promotes masonry as an essential design and building material while uniting our trade with the AEC community (architecture, engineering, and construction).

CMC is a non-profit organization.

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The California Masonry Summit & Expo (CMSE) convenes AEC leaders to collaborate, network, learn, and bridge information gaps about masonry. Uniting the AEC Community with the Masonry Trade.

A full-day conference and expo focused on priority topics for AEC Professionals. CMSE-2025 took place in Los Angeles, CA at the Luskin Conference Center in the heart of UCLA.

An opportunity for NorCal / SoCal AEC professionals to network and connect with producers, contractors, and masonry experts, and to learn about sustainability, decarbonization, energy efficiency, innovation, technology, and all-things in the masonry industry.

A first-of-its-kind event focused on promoting the Masonry Trade, creating real impact and driving positive change for Masonry in our market. Making Masonry exciting for designers and AEC Professionals.

Engaging with AEC Professionals and Students, bringing them closer to Masonry, and ultimately influencing and inspiring decision makers and specifiers to adopt Masonry as a feasible solution for their projects.

Free Access & Transportation for 137 Students

Students from College of the Canyons, University of Southern California, LA Trade Tech, CalPoly Pomona, and Woodbury University were invited with free access passes and provided with free transportation for attending CMSE.

A total of 137 Students of Architecture, Civil Engineering, and Construction Management attended!



Content Speakers & Sessions

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Session Topics focused on AEC Professional's Priorities:

Architecture & Design, Low Embodied Carbon, Design-Build, Sustainability, Fire Resistance, Energy Efficiency, Technology and Innovation, Building Materials & Products, Net Zero, LCA's, EPD's, Building and Energy Code.

CMSE-26 presents a world-class speaker's line-up!

 CARROLL LANHAM AIA, Assoc. DBIA - Principal and Board of Directors @ Lionakis - VP of Communications @ AIA California	 BEN STAPLETON Chief Executive Officer (CEO) @ USGBC California	 JAMES KRUEGER AIA, NCARB - Director of Design @ HMC Architects	 LANCE O'DONNELL FAIA - Principal @ o2 Architecture - Educator @ CalPoly Pomona	 BOB HABIAN AIA, Masonry Expert - Founder & CEO @ Tect App	 ROBERT M. SIMONS AIA - Partner & President @ SVA Architects	 JEANNE CHEN FAIA - Principal @ Moore Ruble Yudell Architects & Planners	 ARNOLD SWANBORN AIA, LEED AP - Design Principal @ CO Architects
 SUNUP MATHIEW Director of Industry Development & Technical Services @ International Masonry Institute (IMI)	 ROLAND MUELLER Facilities Asset Development Director for Planning + Design @ Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)	 MARK SWANSON AIA, CSI, LEED AP BD+C - North Central Regional Director @ International Masonry Institute (IMI)	 JANVIKANANI AIA, LEED AP BD+C, DBIA - Principal @ Arcadis - Past President @ Assoc. for Women in Architecture + Design	 ZACK STAAB Architectural Sales @ Angelus Block	 DOMINIQUE HOURIET President @ [oo-d-a] studio Architect, Developer, and General Contractor	 STEVEN CHANG AIA, LEED AP BD+C - Principal @ ZGF Architects	 JESSICA JENSEN DBIA - Design Manager @ McCarthy Building Companies
 JOSE FELSMANN Director of Business Development @ Southland Industries - Board Member @ DBIA Western Pacific Region	 CHRISTINE SUBASIC PE, LEED AP, FTMS - Consulting Architectural Engineer specializing in Sustainable Design and Masonry	 ANDREW RUNNOE PE, SE - Discipline Manager, Structural Engineering @ Coffman Engineers	 ALEX BELANGER Chief of Operations @ Fresno Unified School District (FUSD)	 ADAM HUTCHINSON P.E. - Executive Director @ Northwest Masonry Institute	 ABDOL BAHRAMI Assoc. AIA, LEED Green Assoc. - Architectural Manager @ Orco Block & Hardscapes	 JODI HOLMES ESCAMILLA Regional Sales Manager @ H.C. Muddox	 IRENE LI Technical Director @ Concrete Masonry Checkoff / Beauty of Block

You can't miss these amazing presenters!

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WORLD-CLASS KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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AIA, Assoc. DBIA
Principal and Board of Directors, Lionakis
VP of Communications, AIA California

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BEN STAPLETON

CEO, USGBC CALIFORNIA

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CONCRETE BLOCK ARCHITECTURE PANEL



LANCE O'DONNELL
FAIA - Principal @ o2 Architecture -
Educator @ CalPoly Pomona



JANVI KANANI
AIA, LEED AP BD+C, DBIA - Principal @
Arcadis - Past President @ Assoc. for
Women in Architecture + Design



ROBERT M. SIMONS
AIA - Partner & President @
SVA Architects



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Architect, Developer, and
General Contractor



MARK SWANSON
AIA, CSI, LEED AP BD+C - North
Central Regional Director @
International Masonry Institute (IMI)



Award-winning Architecture

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DESIGN-BUILD PANEL



JESSICA JENSEN
DBIA - Design Manager @
McCarthy Building Companies



JEANNE CHEN
FAIA - Principal @ Moore Ruble
Yudell Architects & Planners



JOSE FELSMANN
Director of Business Development @
Southland Industries - Board Member
@ DBIA Western Pacific Region



ANDREW RUNNOE
PE, SE - Discipline Manager,
Structural Engineering @
Coffman Engineers



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EDUCATION FACILITIES PANEL SCHOOL DISTRICTS



ROLAND MUELLER
Facilities Asset Development Director for Planning + Design @ Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)

ALEX BELANGER
Chief of Operations @ Fresno Unified School District (FUSD)

JAMES KRUEGER
AIA, NCARB - Director of Design @ HMC Architects

Presenters:

LAUSD UNIFIED

Fresno Unified School District

Moderated by: **HMC Architects** **DESIGN FOR GOOD**

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BRICK ARCHITECTURE PANEL



ARNOLD SWANBORN
AIA, LEED AP - Design Principal @ CO Architects

JEANNE CHEN
FAIA - Principal @ Moore Ruble Yudell Architects & Planners

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LEARNING SESSIONS:

LEED V5, A WHOLE NEW APPROACH
CMU FIRE & RESILIENCY
INTRODUCTION TO CONCRETE MASONRY
BEYOND THERMAL MASS
CLIMATE-RESPONSIVE DESIGN

SPEAKER
Abdol Bahrami
Assoc. AIA, LEED Green Assoc.,
Architectural Manager, Orco Block & Hardscapes

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CMU- FIRE AND RESILIENCY

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SPEAKER
CHRISTINE SUBASIC
PE, LEED AP, FTMS

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LEED V5 – A WHOLE NEW APPROACH
ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT
DESIGNS WITH MASONRY

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SPEAKER
Bob Habian
AIA
Founder and CEO, Tect/Earth'smart
Architect and Masonry Expert

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BEYOND THERMAL MASS
CONCRETE BLOCK AS A BUILDING MATERIAL

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SPEAKER
Irene Li
Technical Director,
Design Collective from Beauty of Black

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CLIMATE-RESPONSIVE DESIGN
BALANCING RESILIENCE, THERMAL PERFORMANCE, AND
EMBODIED CARBON WITH CONCRETE MASONRY

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SPEAKER
ZACK STAAB
Architectural Sales, Angelus Block

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INTRODUCTION TO CONCRETE MASONRY
DEBUNKING CMU MYTHS

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Speakers & Sessions

- Hands-On Bricklaying Experience
- Spin The Wheel Prizes

OUTDOOR EXPO - PATIO HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES



Learn from the best!

Brick-laying

Block-laying



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OUTDOOR EXPO - PATIO SPIN THE WHEEL

Visit Participating Sponsor Booths for a chance to win amazing prizes!



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Speakers & Presenters



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PATIO EXPO AREA

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CMC SPIN THE WHEEL	PATIO
CORNHOLE	PATIO
CASH BAR	PATIO

 SPIN THE WHEEL PARTICIPATING BOOTHS

1st MASONRY ARCHITECTURE STUDENT'S DESIGN COMPETITION

**\$12,000
IN SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED**



The California Masonry Council (CMC) is pleased to announce the 1st Masonry Architecture Design Student Competition Winners, during the 2025-2026 academic year.

The program is intended to challenge undergraduate and graduate students, working individually or in teams, to explore a variety of design issues related to the use of masonry materials in design and construction. Concrete Block (CMU) or Brick (clay) must be used as a prominent material with special emphasis placed on innovation, resiliency, and sustainability.

The competition allows students to explore the many functional, and aesthetic uses for Masonry Materials. Students will get a chance to research and learn about many features as: fire resistance, sustainable materials, thermal mass and energy efficiency, constructability, aesthetics and architectural features, durability, resilience, ballistic resistance, and low maintenance costs.

CMC highly encourages students to design with materials that are locally manufactured and locally sourced within CA.

Our competition is divided into 2 different categories:

1- Concrete Block (CMU)

2- Brick (clay products)

HIGHER EDUCATION BUILDING FACILITY

Students will have the freedom to design a building in a higher education campus of their choosing within California.

A significant component of campus life that would enhance the student experience in a campus. It can be a replacement for an existing building, or a new building you consider to be necessary.

1st MASONRY ARCHITECTURE STUDENT'S DESIGN COMPETITION

6 Renowned and highly
recognized Architects, leading AIA
Chapters and Board Members of
Architecture and Construction
Orgs in California.

Jury



JESSICA ORLANDO

Higher Education Practice Leader
@ Perkins & Will - President @ AIA
Pasadena & Foothill



SUYAMA BODHINAYAKE

Senior Associate & Studio Lead @
MG2 Design - Secretary of the Board
of Directors @ AIA O.C. - Chair of
Advocacy @ AIA CA Climate Action



BOB HABIAN

AIA, Masonry Expert - Founder &
CEO @ Tect App



ISMAR ENRIQUEZ

Design Lead and Project
Manager @ Practice - AIA Los
Angeles Board of Directors - AIA
California Board of Directors



TONI LEWIS

Founding Principal @ Lewis
Schoepfle Architects -
President @ AIA Los Angeles



ANTHONY DAMON

Core Market Leader @ DPR
Construction - AIA San Diego and AIA
California Board of Directors - ACE
Mentor San Diego Board of Directors

We are honored to present the Jury for our 1st Architecture
Competition for Students in California.

Competition Sponsors:



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1st MASONRY ARCHITECTURE STUDENT'S DESIGN COMPETITION

- 7 Total Awards
- 2 Categories

Winners

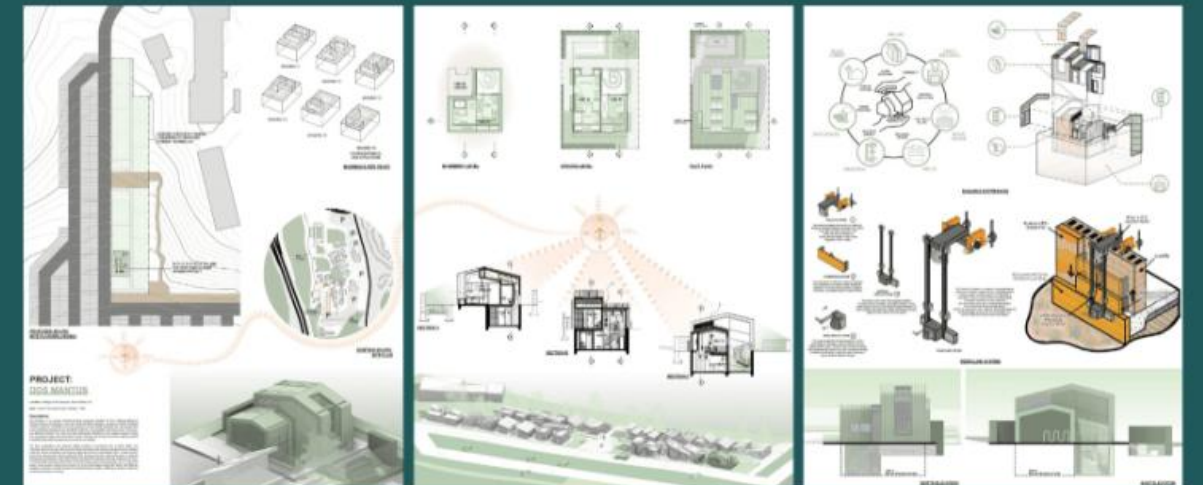
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1ST PLACE CONCRETE BLOCK

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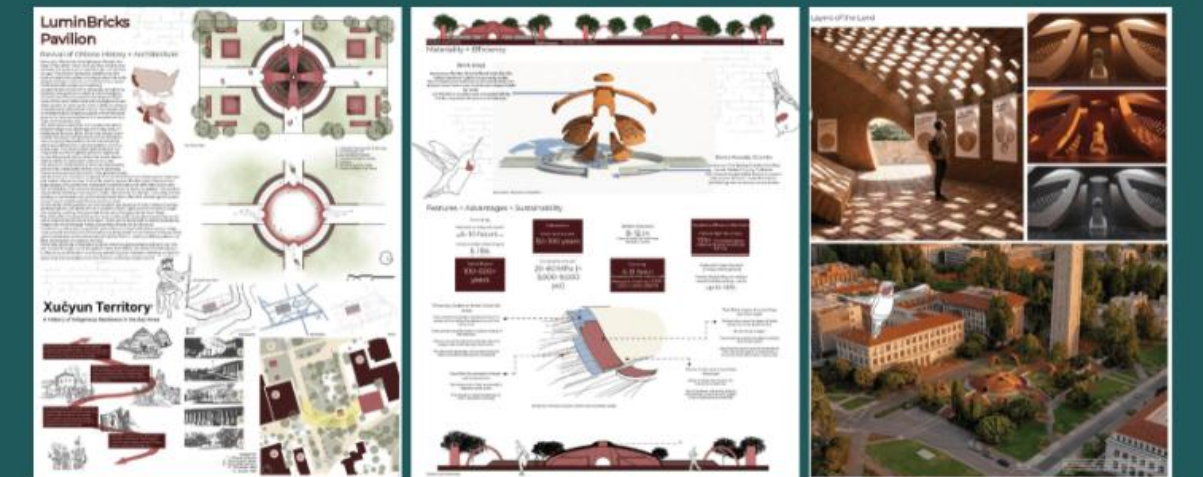
Student Name: Cristian Ivan Benoit
School: College of the Canyons
\$3,000 Scholarship



1ST PLACE BRICK

LUMINBRICKS PAVILION

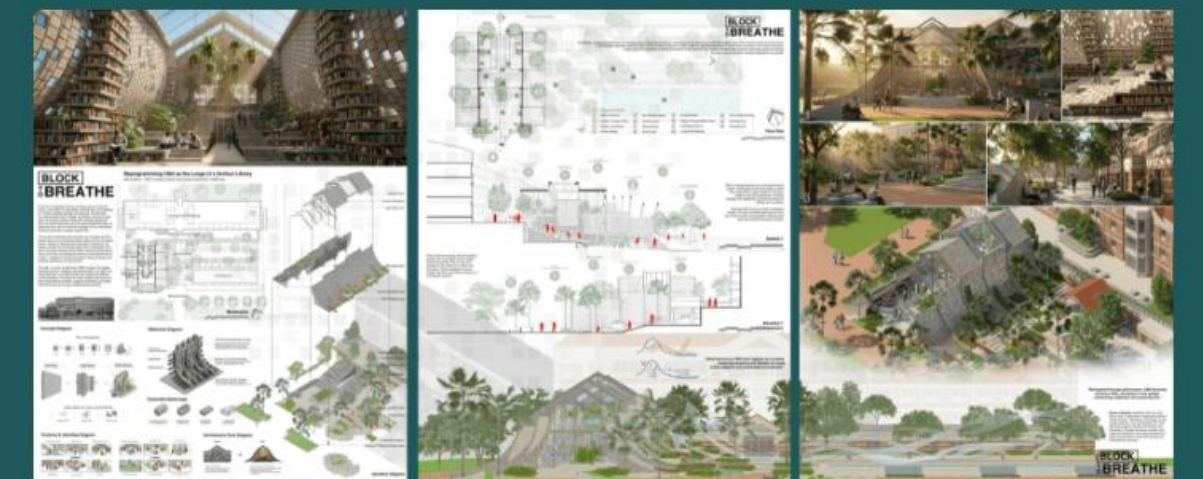
Student Team: Gonzalo Vasquez, Raymond Angelo Frank, Kaitlyn Nakagawa, Terry Kim, Marissa D'zio
School: UC Berkeley
\$3,000 Scholarship



2ND PLACE CONCRETE BLOCK

BLOCK TO BREATHE

Student Name: Naomi Pavisporn Phenphrueksakun
School: University of Southern California (USC)
\$2,000 Scholarship



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Winners

Competition Sponsors:



2ND PLACE BRICK

EUCALYPTUS LANE

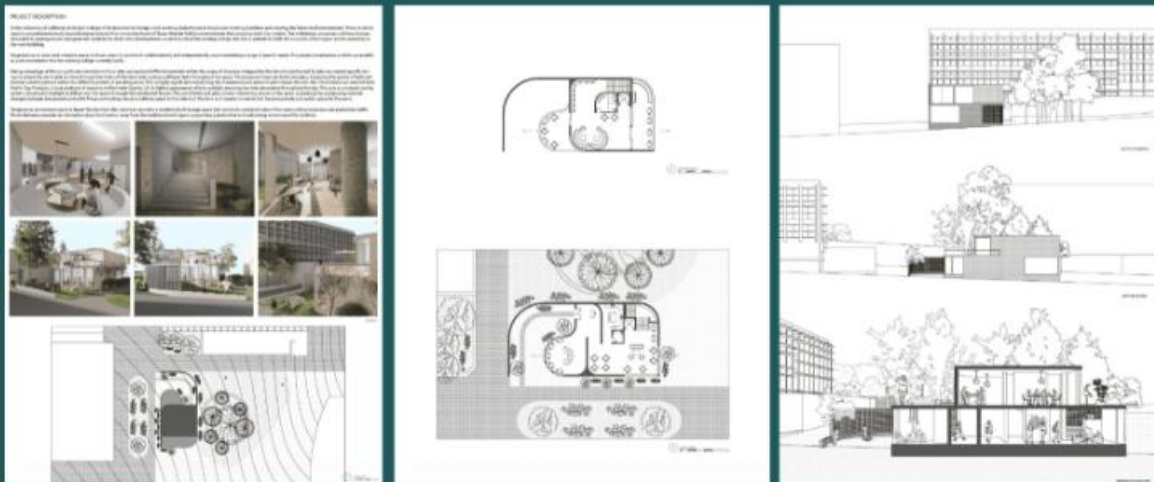
Student Team: Isabelle Braganza, Maggie Tyson
School: Cal Poly Pomona
\$2,000 Scholarship



3RD PLACE CONCRETE BLOCK

THE IN-BETWEEN

Student Team: Lisa Zheng, Jet Tesoro, Nancy Lan Banh, Rubi Hernandez
School: UC Berkeley
\$1,000 Scholarship



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Winners

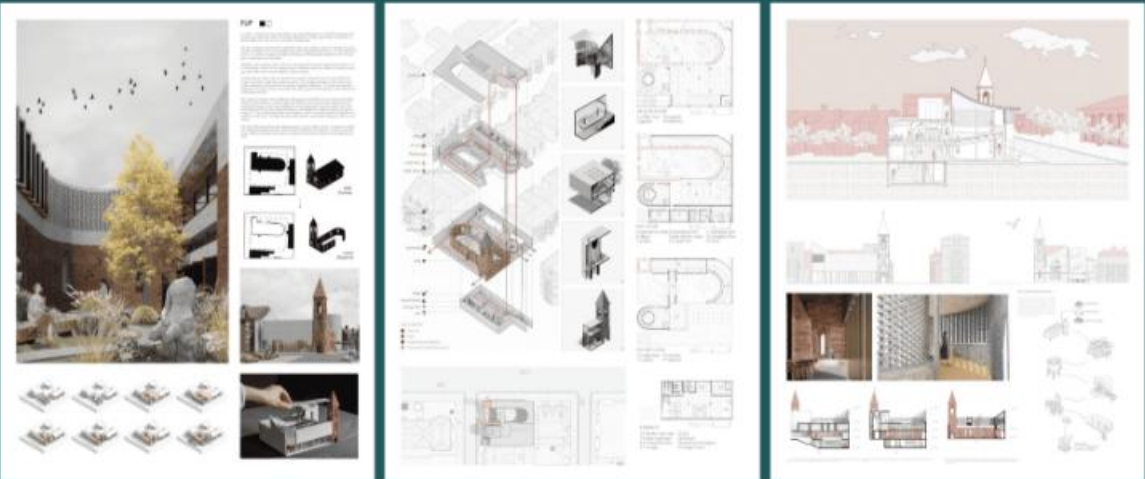
MEET THE WINNERS HERE



HONOR MENTION CONCRETE BLOCK

FLIP

Student Name: Zhouxinyue Deng
School: UC Berkeley
\$500 Scholarship



HONOR MENTION - BRICK

MARQUEZ CHARTER ELEMENTARY

Weaving Community with Earthen Threads

Student Team: Ferial Dagher, Franz Limpangug
School: Cal Poly Pomona
\$500 Scholarship



Photo & Video Gallery

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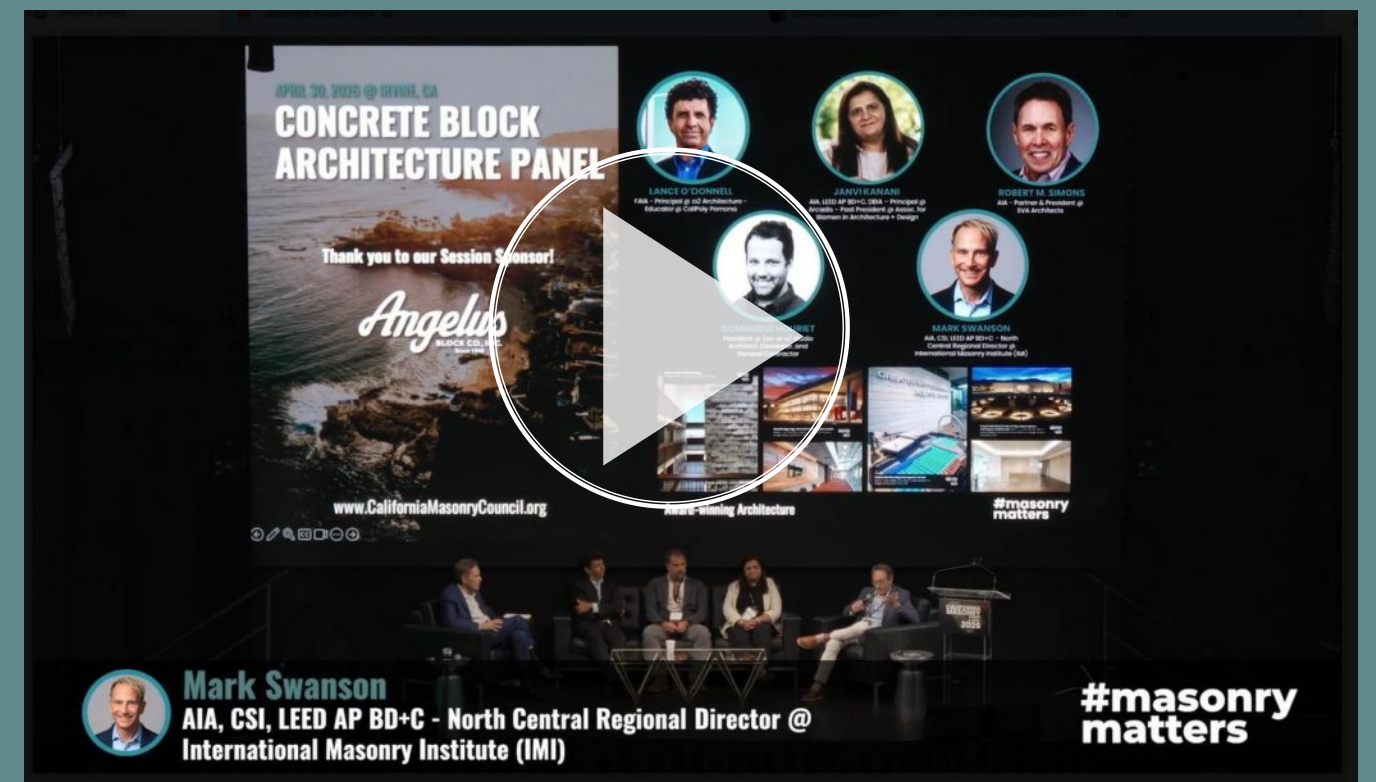
Event Photos and Recap Reel are available for Download at the following link:

- ✓ Photo Gallery (Sessions, Expo, Networking, Lunch, Design Awards).
- ✓ Event Final Program.
- ✓ Video Reel – Event Recap.
- ✓ Masonry Architecture Design Awards – Winners Press Release.

SEE EVENT GALLERY HERE

Event Recorded Sessions are available for free streaming at CMC Website.

SEE EVENT VIDEO HERE









See you in 2027!

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