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2025 Impact Report

To the AFO community,

Thank you for another incredible year! 2025 was rooted in community listening, driven by our Impact Survey and year-long engagement opportunities. This focus allowed us to connect and respond to the true needs of our audience and the AEC industry, and I thank you for trusting AFO with your voice.

This year also featured incredible representatives of our industry's next generation of leaders and engaged community members. As our programs grow, we are continuously amazed by the impactful individuals we have been able to support. From the children participating in Architects in Schools, to college students who have received scholarships or participated in our Formation Mentorship program, to our youngest-ever Honored Citizen, Ernesto Fonseca, we have so much to celebrate and look forward to!

Please join me in continuing to nourish the built environment by sharing your voice, your time, and your enthusiasm to uplift our bright future.



Erica Rife, Executive Director

In partnership with PAE, AFO awarded the first-ever $5,000 PAE Diversity in Engineering Scholarship to Morgan Dawkins, an Architectural Engineering major with a specialization in construction at Penn State. Morgan is set to receive $5,000 annually until she graduates, providing ongoing support in her pathway to the engineering profession.

"I plan to use my degree to design structures that not only address climate justice but also create opportunities for everyone to be successful in a sustainable and resilient future."

Morgan Dawkins

Inaugural PAE Scholar



Shared Indigenous heritage was at the core of this successful Formation Mentorship pairing. Todd, an architect, and Ben, a product design major at University of Oregon, spent the 6-month program advancing Ben's thesis project and developing skills such as time management. Reflecting on one of their meet-ups, Todd shared:

"Ben and I met at his studio on campus and he gave me a tour. We reviewed some of his work and took a look at some of the history and literature from his tribe. That was inspirational to me."



Todd Lawson & Ben Franson

Formation Mentor & Mentee

Awar first signed up as an Architects in Schools (AiS) volunteer in 2023 while studying architecture at University of Oregon. As he reviewed the AiS curriculum, it dawned on him, this wasn't his first time participating. At 8 years old, Awar's AiS project was to create a holiday village with his class.

"During that winter I was feeling homesick after a summer in Kurdistan. While that feeling of homesickness never fully went away, it softened, as I sat in the back of the classroom creating. I didn't know it then, but this was the first time architecture healed me."



Awar Meman

Architects in Schools Volunteer

Ernesto Fonseca was our youngest and first-ever Latino Honored Citizen. Ernesto has empowered communities and built meaningful public and private partnerships across the state of Oregon through his role as CEO of Hacienda CDC.

"Don't be surprised when you see Hacienda on the cutting edge – innovating, creating, and paving the way for all communities in the Northwest. This progress and this story is just beginning, it is the story of us and no one will ever be able to erase our past and certainly not our future."

Ernesto Fonseca

2025 Honored Citizen



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The Architecture Foundation of Oregon educates and inspires Oregonians of all ages and backgrounds to engage in the design of our built environment.

Events

1,682 total attendees at Inspired Community Events, Dine & Design, Trauma Workshop, Design Advocacy Outreach Group meetings, Building Pathways, Creative Spark, and Fellowship Celebration

14 attendees at our new Design Trail tour of the Columbia River Gorge







Student Opportunities Hub

226 K-college programs and resources from 108 partners shared on our Hub webpage



Architects in Schools

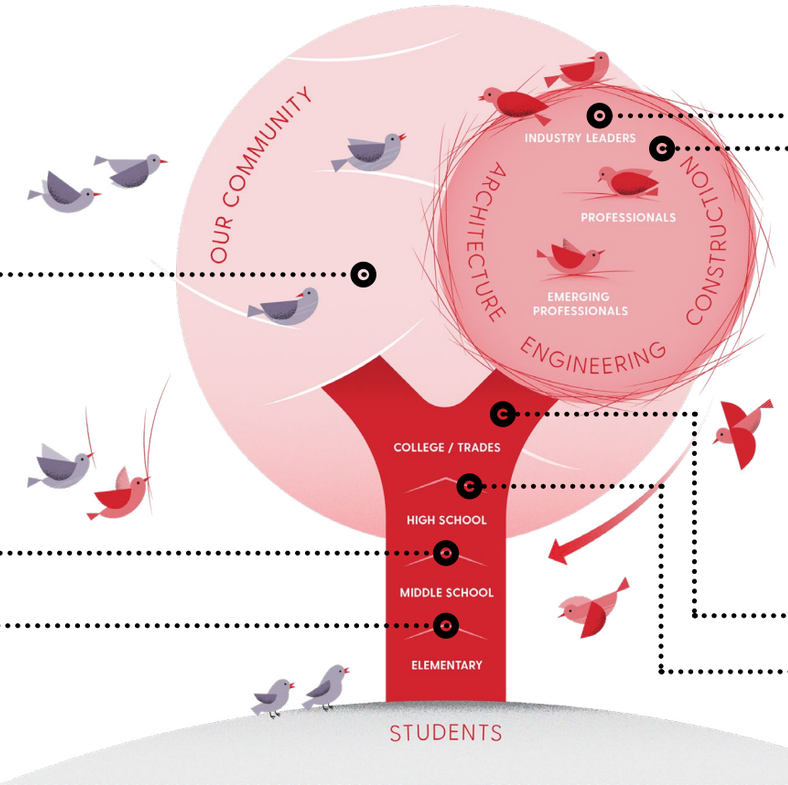
5,055 students served by 204 volunteer AEC professionals

50% of students from Title I schools

15 Oregon counties served

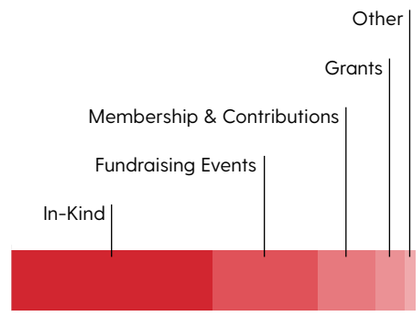






Annual Volunteers	**329**
Volunteer Hours	**5,570**
Partner Organizations	**82**
Board Members	**28**
Corporate Members	**73**
Individual Members	**239**

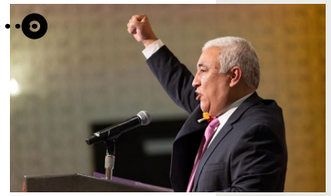
2025 Income **$1,034,000**



Honored Citizen

501 attendees celebrated 2025 honoree, Ernesto Fonseca

4 emerging professionals awarded Oregon's Next





Fellowships

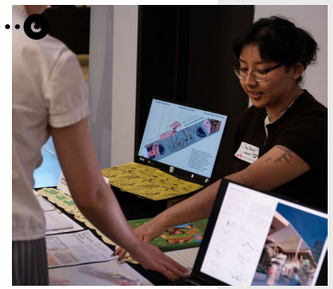
$53,000 awarded in total to two design professionals



Formation Mentorship

21 design students of color served

20 design professionals of color mentored



Scholarships

$67,500 awarded in total to ten students pursuing design & building degrees

