



To our Friends and Supporters:

Today, on the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Frank Lloyd Wright, we are pleased to announce the donation of the David Wright House to benefit the School of Architecture at Taliesin, establishing a relationship that will further the School's mission of educating students to build a more sustainable, open, and beautiful world while fulfilling the potential of the David Wright House to have a perpetual life as a world-class center for design.

Thanks to the generosity of the Rawling family, the David Wright House has been pledged as a gift to benefit the School of Architecture at Taliesin for use as an extension of the 85 year-old educational program founded by Frank Lloyd Wright. Evolving from Frank Lloyd Wright's precepts of organic architecture, the School's accredited graduate curriculum is based on the notion of learning by doing, working with the land rather than just building on it, and experimentation. To date, the School has worked in two Wright-designed campuses: Taliesin in Spring Green, Wisconsin, and Taliesin West in Scottsdale, Arizona. The gift of the David Wright House to benefit the School will expand the School's footprint into the heart of Phoenix and celebrate the legacy of the David Wright House as an instructive environment for the experience and learning of architecture.

This is a landmark year for the School. For the first time since its inception as an apprentice program in 1932, the School will achieve full independence in its academic, financial, and programmatic efforts, becoming an entity separate from, while still a subsidiary of, the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation. With new academic leaders in place, the School has reaffirmed its profound commitment to build on Frank Lloyd Wright's legacy in building and thought and to making positive and critical contributions to education, design research and development, and the communities the School serves. Through a combination of local experts in various aspects of architecture, a Visiting Teaching Fellows program that brings fresh ideas and approaches to the School's campuses, and a Taliesin Lecture Series that brings world-renowned leaders in the design field to discuss the issues mobilizing the architectural community in a small group setting to engender deep and fruitful learning, the School offers one of the highest quality graduate programs in the nation. The School's atmosphere and traditions position it to be the finest among graduate architecture schools, inspiring the next generation of thinkers, designers, and visionaries while simultaneously expanding access to women and minority populations that have traditionally been underrepresented in the architectural profession.