

Greetings!

My name is Michael Ociones Flores, and I am running for Emerging Professionals Director for AIA San Joaquin. I am currently the appointed EP Director for AIA SJ, and have been, since March of 2019. I have been an Associate AIA member, since I graduated from Cal Poly Pomona in June of 2018. I have been Student member of AIA for five years, and member of the American Institute of Architecture Students for the same period. I have held three consecutive positions for the Cal Poly Chapter of AIAS, and have been a student liaison for NAAB and NCARB for Cal Poly as well. I was also an international rep. for AIAS, for the California State University – Florence, in Italy from 2016-2017. I have been affiliated with other AIA Chapters as well, AIA Inland Chapter, Pasadena & Foothills, and AIA Los Angeles.

It is my personal goal to become a licensed architect by the end of 2020, and encourage fellow EP's to strive for their licensure. I also hope to foster an environment where young designers aspire toward the path of licensure, and the growth of the profession. I want to create opportunities where EP's from the San Joaquin will be able to get the experience and opportunities they need to get ahead in the profession, and for their careers. I currently work at Darden Architects Inc. and have been, since I graduated in 2018, and had been in intern, three years prior.