About the Weitzman School Awards

The Weitzman School of Design Awards event includes a cocktail reception and dinner along with an Award ceremony with multimedia presentations highlighting the transformational thinking and innovative design of the built environment led by the University of Pennsylvania Stuart Weitzman School of Design. This annual event is an opportunity to celebrate the work and achievements of Weitzman students, faculty, and alumni, as well as leaders outside of our community – demonstrating what a new generation of architects and city planners can accomplish with encouragement, instruction, and support. All proceeds from the event will support student scholarships.

The Kanter Tritsch Prize in Energy and Architectural Innovation and The Kanter Tritsch Medal in Architecture

Established in 2017 by a generous gift from Weitzman School of Design alumna Lori Kanter Tritsch and Penn Trustee and Wharton alumnus William P. Lauder, the Kanter Tritsch Prize is awarded annually to a second-year architecture student in the form of a $50,000 scholarship, which covers the bulk of tuition and fees in the final year of study. Every year, the Weitzman School of Design also awards a Medal to a practicing architect or architects for leadership in energy and architectural innovation. This year’s Medal is being presented to the architecture firm Diller Scofidio + Renfro, who are “architects who have created an alternative form of architectural practice that unites design, performance, and electronic media with cultural and architectural theory and criticism. Their work explores how space functions in our culture and illustrates that architecture, when understood as the physical manifestation of social relationships, is everywhere, not just in buildings.”

The Witte-Sakamoto Family Prize in City and Regional Planning

Established in 2018 by a generous gift from Weitzman School of Design alumnus Bill Witte and his wife, Keiko Sakamoto, the Witte-Sakamoto Family Prize carries a $50,000 scholarship, awarded annually to a student entering their final year in the Master of City and Regional Planning program. In conjunction with the Prize, the School presents an annual award to a firm, team, or professional for an exemplary plan that advances plan-making in at least four of the following areas: social equity, environmental quality, design, public health, mobility, housing affordability, and economic development. This year’s Medal is being presented to Hartford400. Hartford400 is a coalition working together to forge a comprehensive, river-centered vision and action plan for the valley and its capital city.
Giving Levels

**The Semester - $25,000**  
($19,250 tax deductible)  
Support one semester for a Weitzman student studying architecture and city and regional planning.

This level includes 10 tickets and the donor’s name listed in all print materials including the program and wayfinding, and all digital marketing materials including a website dedicated to the event and electronic announcements during the event.

**The Studio - $12,500**  
($7,900 tax deductible)  
Support a studio course at the Weitzman School that engages our students in their area of focus while preparing them to become tomorrow’s design leaders.

This level includes 8 tickets and the donor’s name listed on limited print and digital marketing materials, including a website dedicated to the event along with electronic event announcements.

**The Seminar - $5,000**  
($2,700 tax deductible)  
Support a seminar at the Weitzman School that allows our students the opportunity to interact with world-renowned practitioners in their specialties within the field of design.

This level includes 4 tickets and the donor’s name listed in up to two print and digital marketing materials, including a website dedicated to the event along with electronic event announcements.

**The Lecture - $2,500**  
($1,350 tax deductible)  
Support a guest lecture at the Weitzman School that allows our students the opportunity to hear from and meet with world-renowned practitioners.

This level includes 2 tickets and the donor’s name listed on the website dedicated to the event.

*Each ticket consists of access to the Awards ceremony and a cocktail reception and dinner.*
Donation Form

I/we will support the Weitzman School Awards at the following level:

___ The Semester $25,000
___ The Studio $10,000
___ The Seminar $5,000
___ The Lecture $2,500

___ I/we would like to make a donation of $_____________.

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