CoA Career Fair 2008

College of Architecture’s Career Fair that took place on February 6th was a great success. This is the second consecutive career fair held by UTSA Career Services at the College of Architecture. In Spring 2008, 15 firms participated in the event, and over 200 students attended.

Career Fair took place in the main hallway of the first floor of the Monterey building during studio time. It was impossible to miss the event and everyone had to stop and visit. Most seniors in both Architecture and Interior Design programs came to look for a job, juniors came to look for internships, freshmen and sophomores came to see “who is who” in design simply out of curiosity. Conference Rooms were made available for interview spaces and several students were lucky to have interviews during career fair. We hope soon to find out how many students actually got a job as a result of the event. Students who did not have a chance to interview were able to receive valuable feedback from recruiters on their portfolios and resumes.

Dawn James, a former interior design graduate afterwards said, “Career Fair was like ‘old home week’ for me. There were several alums that were either working the firm’s table or walking around as graduate students. Great representation on how strong the program is. It was nice to see so many professors there as well.” Senior Ivonne Caballero shares her impressions: “I think the career fair was a very good experience. I got to talk with professionals. It allowed me to practice on how to talk about my work. It also helped me find out firms’ philosophies. I think the companies that came did a good job.”

Mark Bove, AIA, IIDA, President of Bommarito Group, said, “We have always been impressed with the caliber of design students that UTSA consistently produces and we were not disappointed at this year’s career fair, plus the parking was vastly improved over last year.” The College of Architecture wants to thank all participating firms and we look forward to many more years of collaboration with professionals.