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**To all Former Students of the
College of Architecture at Texas A&M University**

Howdy, and thank you! As former students from the Texas A&M College of Architecture, I know that each one of you is making a positive impact on whatever discipline, profession, industry, and organizations you have encountered in your journey along your chosen professional path. I also know that these impacts contribute to strengthen and enhance both the character and the international reputation of our College. Over the past 104 years, many of the men and women like you, who have earned degrees from any of the 14 degree programs in the four departments in the College, have become the leaders of some of the largest architecture, construction, planning, and landscape architecture firms in the country; have served as presidents and chairpersons of national professional associations and foundations; and have been internationally acclaimed visual artists, designers, and educators. Every one of these individuals is an inspirational role model, as our current students envision and map their own journeys as their professional careers begin.

So, as in years past, the time has arrived once again to recognize and select, as **Outstanding Alumni of the College of Architecture**, a small number of former students with outstanding records of impressive accomplishments as formally recognized by their peers. It is time to name these special individuals for 2009, and we need your help to do so.

So, my question to you is: do you know any former student who should be honored with this special recognition? If you do, I would like to encourage you to please nominate him or her as an exceptional former student who has demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and character, and significantly contributed to the professions and industries engaged in the natural, built, and virtual environments. Enclosed you will find a nomination form together with details about the selection process, and also, a list of those who have already been honored previously as Outstanding Alumni. This year, the deadline for formal nominations is 4 May 2009.

I want to thank you in advance for your potential nomination, but more importantly, I hope that you will be able to attend the banquet in the fall, join us in this great celebration.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jorge Vanegas', written in a cursive style.

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