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## 2016 Architects League Scholastic Achievement Award Winner Elizabeth Christian - Application Summary

### Biography:

Elizabeth Christian is a resident of Hoboken in Hudson County, New Jersey and is in the Master of Architecture Program at the Spitzer School of Architecture at City College of New York with a cumulative GPA of 3.894. She has an anticipated graduation of Spring 2017. Elizabeth previously received a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies from The College of New Jersey and a Master of Science in Conservation of Historic Buildings from the University of Bath. Elizabeth is currently financing her education through loans, TA positions at the Spitzer School and a part time job at SLCE Architects in New York City.

### General Statement Excerpt:

“My personal goals include becoming a licensed architect and beginning my own practice one day... I would like to set an example for women in architecture and younger interns, with particular regard to social responsibility, personal integrity and humanity in architecture. I have already seen how all of these can be lost in a high stakes industry, but I truly believe that architecture can be a force for good and that this begins at the lowest level, with the smallest decisions.”

### Recommendation Letter Excerpt:

“Liz is one of the strongest graduate students I have had the pleasure of teaching, not just in recent years but in my entire career. I look forward to seeing where she takes her skills and passions- and where they take her.” – Bradley Horn, Director, Master of Architecture Program, CCNY

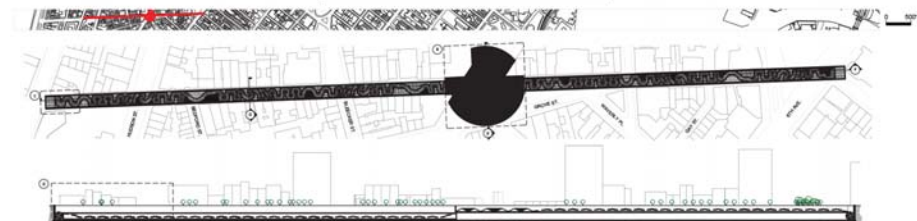
### Representative Sample of Work:



1.25 MILES (6,725 LINEAR FT) REQUIRED FOR 1 MIGRATORY CYCLE

OPERATION 1: SERPENTINE PATH  
OPERATION 2: STEPPED TOPOGRAPHY

NEW REQUIRED SITE LENGTH: 0.4 MILES (2,402 LINEAR FT)



INDIVIDUAL PROJECT, CRITIC: BRAD HORN  
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## 2016 ALNNJ High School Student Scholarship Winner Risako Acari - Application Summary

### Biography:

Risako Arcari is a resident of New Milford in Bergen County, New Jersey and is a senior at the Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest. She will begin pursuing a Bachelor of Architecture degree at Pratt Institute in Fall 2016. Risako has attended workshops at the Fashion School of Technology, Parson's School of Design, the School of Visual Arts and Pratt Institute. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Art Club, the Holy Angels Dance Team and is the lead designer for the Academy of the Holy Angels' Lobby Club.

### Essay Excerpt:

"After years of careful observation of both my father and his business, I think that an architect is responsible for understanding the problem at hand, exploring design possibilities within any given constraints, presenting their ideas, and finalizing a design in a socially and ecologically responsible manner. In the bigger picture, I believe that an architect is in charge of improving the quality of life for living beings by creating and developing a safe, environmentally friendly, and welcoming community."

### Recommendation Letter Excerpt:

"Risako Arcari is a standout high-achieving creative thinker who dedicates herself fully to the study of architecture... Although she bases her drawings on observation, in her hands, they become wonderful original solutions to design and material problems. She thinks about space in an informed way, with careful attention given to the emotional and psychological impact of her designs." – Christine Wraga DeGennaro, Departments of Art and Technology, Academy of Holy Angels

### Representative Sample of Work:





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## 2016 ALNNJ High School Student Scholarship Winner Marc Mazza – Application Summary

### Biography:

Marc Mazza is a resident of Hillsdale in Bergen County, New Jersey and is a senior at Northern Highlands Regional High School in Allendale. He will begin pursuing a Bachelor of Architecture degree at Virginia Tech in Fall 2016. Marc has attended summer programs at Rensslear Polytechnic Institute (RPI) and the Catholic University of America. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the STEM Club at Northern Highlands and the Future Architects and Engineers of America Club.

### Essay Excerpt:

“Being an architect would be a dream come true for me because it is the perfect combination of my two favorite things: architecture and community service. Most people do not think of architects as serving their community, but in reality, they impact the community far beyond belief... Using my design skills, I would love to make a difference in countless people’s lives.”

### Recommendation Letter Excerpt:

“Marc Mazza is an exemplary student and has shown great talent and skill in this area in completing difficult drawings and projects with ease... Marc is a conscientious, mature, organized young man who takes pride in his work... He is currently the president of our Future Architects and Engineering Club where has shown great leadership recruiting over 30 new members and planning, organizing the first half of the school year for club meeting and activities.” – Al Mugno, NJ Applied Technology Teacher of the Year, Northern Highlands Regional High School

### Representative Sample of Work:

