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Current Officers

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Description and Mission

We are a group of Duke students and young professionals striving to learn about and implement the best sustainable design and construction practices. We learn about cutting edge developments in the field and the policies and practices of the U.S. Green Building Council. Our community partners currently include Duke alumni, Skanska USA, and the Triangle Chapter of Emerging Green Builders.

Main Activities

This year we are hoping to travel to LEED certified buildings throughout NC and meet with the professionals who design, construct, and operate the buildings. We are also hoping to meet with green building owners and users to examine the realities of living with green buildings. The goal is to see firsthand how the policies and recommendations we study are applied in the real world - what the challenges are, what some of the solutions are, and how we can make a difference.

An important component of the group is helping people prepare for the LEED Accredited Professional exam so that students have a professional accreditation that will enable them to work in the green building industry. Taking this exam, however, is not a requirement to work with us or be part of the group. We are trying to make green building concepts and knowledge available to any interested Nicholas School student.

References and Links

[The U.S. Green Building Council](#) (Great reference for green building practices and the LEED program)

[US EPA Green Building Website](#)

[Skanska USA](#)(Employer of Duke alumni in the field and supporter of our program)

[Duke's Smart Home](#)

If you're interested in seeing a LEED certified building without traveling too far, going on a tour of the Smart Home is a great idea. It's located at [1402 Faber Street](#). To find out information about the Smart Home, check out the [website](#).

[Builders of Hope](#)(Organization we volunteered with earlier this fall)

The Builders of Hope Volunteer Day was an exciting day of construction, green education sessions, and a resident's BBQ at the State Street project in Southwest Raleigh.

Builders of Hope works to help families in need of permanent housing and a workforce in need of skill development and permanent employment to revitalize NC's cities. A description of this project can be found [here](#). A copy of the event schedule can be found [here](#).

[Building Green](#)

You can watch the development of a green home and see how the concepts we talk about can play out. See how the green building industry works.

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