Emerging out of a need to unify our region’s summer interns within the architecture, engineering and construction industries, our YAF chapter of Hampton Roads seeks to inaugurate a new program that does just that: to produce a design competition that challenges the interns to collaborate and innovate on a local unbuilt ideas-based project. We call it the “YAF Hampton Roads Summer Design Challenge” (SDC).

**DESIGN BRIEF**

Set atop a parking lot at the intersection of Brambleton Avenue and Granby Street in downtown Norfolk, Virginia is to be a structure to house summer interns.

The interns will be allowed only to use up to 50% of the site, with minimal structural support members directly engaging the parking lot. No dwelling units are to be placed on grade, and the overall structure cannot obstruct the existing parking.

The intent of the project is to bring together the combined talents of architectural interns and structural engineering interns to co-create an unbuilt raised dwelling atop an existing parking lot in the hopes of fostering innovative structural design, using recyclable architectural materials, and provide space to grow and harvest produce. This is an opportunity to design something beautiful that gives back to the unbuilt imagination of the city.

**DESIGN IMPLEMENTATION**

The interns will be given the design brief on the project at the kick-off social (see proposed dates below). In an effort to gain firm-supported encouragement for the interns, we will contact the prospective participating firms in advance of the interns beginning their positions, in order to participate in the challenge. We will welcome the potential for additional sponsorships to fund the scholarship prize (see budget below). YAF and AIAHR will judge the entries ahead of time and award the winners with the scholarship at the end-of-summer social.

**PROPOSED BUDGET**

$250 - Beginning of summer kick-off social and design charette.
$250 - End-of-summer social and design presentation.
$500 - Scholarship Award

**PROPOSED DATES**

6 June 2019 - Beginning of summer kick-off social and charette
1 August 2019 - End-of-summer social and design presentation
1 August 2019 - Scholarship Awarded