

DAAP Celebrates Student Scholarships



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A recent gathering at the University of Cincinnati internationally ranked College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning (DAAP) celebrated the ongoing success of DAAP students thanks to the generous support of scholarships by donors.

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Even better, Hellmann said was the number of students who sought him out to introduce themselves, a sign - he hoped - that Hixson has a good reputation with the students as a quality co-op and graduate employer.

"Obviously, for us," he explained, "The best part about giving scholarships is the opportunity to help those in financial need. It's an opportunity for us to give back to the community and the future of our profession. As a corporate donor, it's a way for us to help educate our own future workforce and to attract good co-op students and graduates to our company."