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The excitement of an annual student-led journal publication is that it allows one to explore the writings of one's students and their collaborators as both individuals and advancing generations. It collects transforming insights into how they see the world around them and hints at those things they value.

This seventh volume of the national award-winning Telesis reminds me of the 1941 copy of Richard Halliburton's Complete Book of Marvels that quietly occupied a bookshelf in my childhood home. My father in his youth consumed Halliburton's legendary dramas as a diversion from the unrest and terror of Europe of the late 1930's and early 1940's. Filled with stories of ambition, risks and glory, Halliburton invited his readers into a series of adventures over the centuries that projected great accomplishments only possible when people are working together to establish common ground. Most of the Wonders Halliburton recounted no longer stand but their lessons speak to the importance of relentless shared pursuits of striving societies.

The essays of this volume are filled with fearless journeys of inquiry and commitment. They describe deliberate practices and processes intent on resolving problems with elegance and consensus. There is no hesitation to lean into the contemporary challenges of our day. Students and professionals investigate themes of a social, environmental, fiscal, and spiritual nature. There is nothing mythical about them, yet they are individually experienced as something monumental and deserving of our attention. They hint at what we might come to expect from the professions which plan, design, and construct tomorrow's built, repurposed, and preserved environments.

Like Halliburton nearly a century ago, our students call us to proceed with courage, embrace change with purpose, and envision a future shaped by innovative spirit and leadership. We hear them speaking to that which we hope to become. Let's join them as they collectively reveal the next chapters of our history.

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