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# **Education Committee Annual Meeting Report**

**Presented by: Diana Varma RGD**  
Vice President, Education and Committee Chair

**April 20, 2024**



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# Student Membership

**2022:** 2,135

**2023:** 2,413

**2024:** 2,605



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# Virtual School Presentations

**Sep 2023 -**

**April 2024:**

**23** presentations

**21** schools

From coast to coast!



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# Schools Enrolled in Automatic Memberships for Students

Algonquin College  
Cambrian College  
Canadore College  
Capilano University  
Centennial College  
Conestoga College  
Durham College  
Fanshawe College  
George Brown College  
Georgian College  
Holland College  
Humber College  
Mount Royal University  
Niagara College  
Sault College  
Seneca College  
St. Lawrence College  
University of the Fraser Valley  
Vancouver Island University  
York University



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# QUESTION TOMORROW DESIGN EDUCATORS CONFERENCE



VANCOUVER BC  
JUNE 1 2023

presented by



An Open Letter to  
College Students

Grades  
Suck

An equation and  
a collaboration



glen × DALL-E  
Human & AI

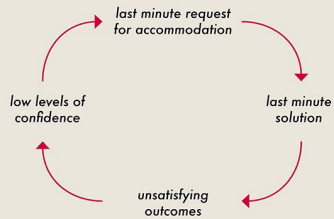
**Kaizen**

philosophy and approach  
that emphasizes making  
small, incremental  
improvements over time to  
achieve significant  
advancements.

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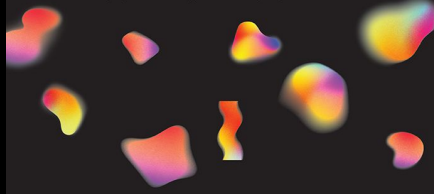
kai = change      zen = good

www.kayzen | Design Museum 2020



Embracing Diversity

Acknowledging and adhering to different people and their cultures



DECOLONIZING  
THE DESIGN  
PROCESS

**A RABBIT WEARING RED SHOES,  
HOLDING HANDS WITH A CARROT  
WEARING BLACK SHOES**



MID.JOURNEY V3

MID.JOURNEY V4

MID.JOURNEY V5

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# Design Educators Conference

Educators from around the world attend to discuss the future of design education

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# Student Awards 2023

**1,185** entries  
**457** students  
**38** schools  
**27** winners  
**94** honorable mentions  
**18** awards  
**1** epic year



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# Trailblazer Awards 2023

**70** entries

**5** winners

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# 2024 Student Awards (18 awards)

52 Pick-up Inc.



CONTEXT

creative  
currency

entro



gravity

ISSUES

MODERN DESIGN  
ACADEMY  
*Design Libros Studio*

ONEMETHOD



PIVOT



Studio Locale

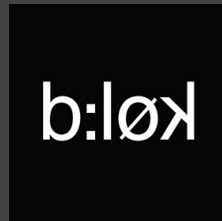
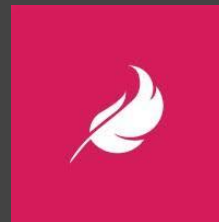
weaymouth  
creative

WORKSDESIGN

zulu  
alpha  
kilo

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# 2024 Trailblazer Awards (6 sponsors)



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Design  
Thinkers  
Vancouver  
Scholarships  
(10 x \$500)

will



P&G

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roodenburg

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OK  
Dave

RESONANCE





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# **RGD Educator Articles**

**(7 published articles in 2023)**

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# Educator Awards of Excellence 2023



**Susan Colberg,**  
Professor at the  
University of  
Alberta (West)



**Chris Ambedkar,**  
Professor of  
Creativity, Sheridan  
College (East)

# Committee Members

Amelia Nash Prov. RGD  
Andrew Boardman RGD  
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Diana Varma RGD (Chair)  
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John deWolf  
Logan Chapman  
Mairin Deery RGD  
Mostafa Zohdy RGD  
Preet Soni Prov. RGD  
Rafael Ferreira RGD  
Rupsha Mutsuddi Prov. RGD (Co-Chair)

# Conclusion

## Goals for 2024

1. Designathon / Mentorship Hybrid 2024
2. Student Awards Prep / Support 2024
3. Educator Newsletter Content 2024
4. Design Educators Conference VAN 2024
5. Accessibility Course Material for Educators / Students
6. Career Planning (Document and Webinars)
7. DesignThinkers Toronto Student / Educator Content 2024