AIA COTE Top Ten for Students

2026 Competition **ASSIGNMENT BRIEFS**

Studio Curriculum Materials

Academic studios are structured to meet requirements of NAAB (National Architectural Accrediting Board), associated institutions, and individual needs of students. AIA COTE has prepared these COTE Top Ten classroom materials to help integrate this competition into any design curriculum. Use as provided or as templates for your own adaptation.

Feedback on these materials is valuable to COTE, so please let us know how these tools can better meet the needs of the studio or what type of additional materials will make the COTE Top Ten studio experience even better – Feedback.

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