**But First...Coffee:** But First Coffee is held the second Wednesday morning of the month and is a great opportunity to discuss current topics in the design industry.

**But First...Cocktails:** But First Cocktails is held quarterly on the second Wednesday evening of the month. This event replaces But First Coffee for that particular month and provides a casual networking opportunity with peers over a cocktail.

**Capes for Kids:** Capes for Kids is an annual design competition where designers create capes for kids suffering with terminal diseases. Teams are assigned a super hero and are provided a box of materials the night of to create a cape that is donated to local Children’s Hospitals after the event.

**Speed Networking:** The concept for this event is for experienced designers and new industry designers to have several rounds of short conversations, similar to speed dating. This is an opportunity to learn and receive advice from knowledgeable designers in our community while promoting Advocacy Day.

**Advocacy Day:** Advocacy Day involves a day trip to the Missouri State Capital in Jefferson City to discuss issues that affect our profession with the current Missouri Senators and Representatives. Lunch is included with the IIDA Mid-America Chapter and our lobbyist who advocates for us daily!

**Leadership Event:** The Leadership Events are exclusive to IIDA members and are geared to help shape leaders in our community. In order to develop key professional strengths, these events often incorporate workshops and professional speakers.

**Project Tour:** REVAMPED! In 2020, Project Tours will be events showcasing the 2019 IDEA award winning projects. Each project tour will be a behind-the-scenes tour lead by head designers, architects, furniture manufacturers and dealerships, and other key players. After the tour, we will share a drink and appetizers at a nearby bar or restaurant.

**CEU:** There will be 4 continuing education opportunities offered to the design industry. All CEUs offered by the IIDA Gateway Chapter will be IDCEC accredited.

**Field Day/Picnic:** NEW IN 2020! Cornhole, Outdoor Games, Giant Jenga, Chair Races? Due to the popular request, IIDA will be hosting its first biennial field day and picnic. Come kick off the summer with IIDA - more details to follow!

**Unravel (Signature Event):** Unravel is a biennial fashion show hosted by the IIDA Gateway Chapter. Avant Garde fashion is created by St. Louis design firms using unconventional architectural materials. Interior design teams paired with manufacturer representatives to create ensembles worthy of the runway! Interior design students from local programs will create accessories from multiple materials, walk the runway, and showcase their individual designs.

**Sponsorship Breakfast:** The IIDA Gateway Chapter will host a breakfast to discuss the 2021 yearly sponsorship opportunities and answer questions from industry members. This event will be hosted at a local coffee shop in St. Louis and serve as an in-person Q&A session.