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The American Institute of Architects Elevates Seven Local Architects to the College of Fellows

Less than three percent of the architecture profession achieve AIA Fellowship.

CHICAGO: March 1, 2024 - The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is elevating seven members from AIA Chicago to its prestigious College of Fellows, AIA's highest membership honor, for their exceptional work and contributions to architecture and society.

The fellowship program was developed to elevate those architects who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession and made a significant contribution to architecture and society on a national level. Architects who have been elevated to fellowship can be identified by the designation FAIA after their name.

Included in the list below are the newly elevated members from AIA Chicago:

- Thomas Bassett-Dilley, FAIA, TBDA, Ltd.
- Nicholas Cameron, FAIA, Perkins&Will
- Drew Deering, FAIA, Moody Nolan
- Maria A. Pellet Peraza, FAIA, UrbanWorks, Ltd.
- Jonathan Solomon, FAIA, Preservation Futures
- Ann Thompson, FAIA, Related Midwest
- Roderic K. Walton, FAIA, Moody Nolan

New fellows will be honored at the AIA Awards Gala, June 7, 2024, at the National Building Museum in Washington D.C., and at an AIA Chicago Third Thursdays program to be announced.

Learn more about fellowship on [AIA's website](#).

About AIA Chicago

The American Institute of Architects Chicago (AIA Chicago) serves nearly 4,000 architect members in Chicago and is the second largest AIA local chapter in the country. AIA Chicago's mission builds on the city's architectural legacy by advocating for the profession, sharing knowledge among members, and partnering with communities. It fosters a culture of design excellence for equitable, sustainable places and spaces.

AIA Chicago offers lectures and continuing education courses; specialized, issue-specific Knowledge Communities; advocacy for architects; and help for consumers looking for an architect.

AIA Chicago is the local Chicago chapter of The American Institute of Architects. Based in Washington, D.C., the AIA has been the leading professional membership association for licensed architects, emerging professionals, and allied partners since 1857. Learn more by visiting www.aiachicago.org.

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ABOUT AIA

Founded in 1857, AIA consistently works to create more valuable, healthy, secure, and sustainable buildings, neighborhoods, and communities. Through more than 200 international, state and local chapters, AIA advocates for public policies that promote economic vitality and public wellbeing.

AIA provides members with tools and resources to assist them in their careers and business as well as engaging civic and government leaders and the public to find solutions to pressing issues facing our communities, institutions, nation, and world. Members adhere to a code of ethics and conduct to ensure the highest professional standards.