

Member Project Highlight

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2022 Design Awards Program Recipient, Award
Village of St. John
Wilmington, Delaware

Commissioned by Alexis I. DuPont and designed by renowned Philadelphia architect John Notman in 1858, the Cathedral Church of St. John is a historic, beloved landmark. The Cathedral is located at the intersection of Concord Avenue and Market Street in Wilmington, Delaware and is considered the centerpiece of the Brandywine Historic District.

A community-based non-profit that provides housing, health and social services for those in poverty, acquired the Cathedral Church of St. John in 2017 for the purpose of creating affordable housing for seniors aged 62 and older with a low to moderate income. With plans to repurpose the existing church complex, and add a new complementary addition, construction commenced in December of 2017 to create The Village of St. John.

The complex currently houses fifty-three (53) 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom accessible apartments, common interior and exterior areas, administrative offices, and supporting services. They are contained in the existing church additions, deans house, and new three-story addition. The original Church was repurposed as a community space for the entire housing community.

Both the new, wood framed addition on the western portion of the site, and the new single-story enclosed link structure, draw inspiration from the existing buildings on the complex, and the surrounding historic neighborhood of Brandywine Village. This allows The Village of St. John to continue serving the community as a significant historic centerpiece, whose story is told through a design which seamlessly transitions between new and old, and maintains sensitivity to the historic gothic revival church.

2022 Chapter Design Awards, Award

Chapter Design Awards Program

AIA Delaware is committed to excellence in architecture and to celebrating outstanding works of architecture through its biennial Design Awards Program. [View 2022 Design Awards Recipients](#)

The Top 5 Trends Impacting the Architecture Industry Today



From automation and AI to addressing cybersecurity, AIA partner Deltek's latest study outlines the factors architects and engineers say are shaping their businesses.

It's essential to stay up-to-date on the latest trends in the architecture industry, especially as you plan for your firm's future. Whether you are looking to invest in an innovative solution, improve firm profitability, or revisit staffing needs, understanding current industry challenges and trends will help set your architecture firm up for success.

Below are the five key trends shaping the industry, based on the latest responses from more than 580 architecture and engineering firms in the [44th Annual Deltek Architecture & Engineering Industry Study](#).

1. Automating manual tasks
2. Better integration to increase visibility
3. AI-driven intelligence for better decision-making
4. Tools to improve business operations and better manage projects
5. Movement to the cloud to tackle cybersecurity challenges

Advance Your Career - Volunteer!

Call for Submissions

AIA Delaware is now accepting applications for two volunteer positions:

2024 State Associate Representative (STAR)

The National Associates Committee (NAC) is a member group of



the American Institute of Architects. NAC's mission is to inspire the profession by promoting innovation, inclusiveness, and professional development while amplifying the voice of the Associate community within AIA. State Associate Representatives support Associate AIA members within AIA at the state and national level.

- [2024 STAR Position Description](#)
- [NAC Handbook](#)

2024-25 State Young Architect Representative (YAR)

The Young Architects Forum (YAF) is a member group of the American Institute of Architects and is organized to address issues of particular importance to recently licensed architects (within 10 years or less of first licensure). Young Architect Representatives represent young architects within AIA at the state and national level.

- [2024-25 YAR Position Description](#)
- [YAF Handbook](#)

Questions

Contact Nancy Payne, AIA Delaware Executive Director with your questions by email to director@aiadelaware.org or by calling (302) 530-0189.

Application Deadline

Monday, October 2, 2023

Creating Sustainable Buildings and Communities

How Civic Leaders Are Investing in Resilient Design to Create Safer Communities



In September 2022, the [first-ever global survey of mayors](#) announced challenges on three fronts: inequality, climate change, and outdated infrastructure.

In a questionnaire conducted by the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning at Cornell University, civic leaders from 241 cities around the world consistently fretted about how urban infrastructure is struggling to accommodate issues like rising populations, flooding, climate change, and income inequality. And while developed countries have more financial resources to meet these difficulties than developing nations do, cities everywhere experience the same concerns—and have the same hopes for the future.

“Urban leaders ... share similar visions for more livable, accessible, inclusive, and resilient cities,”

the report states, adding that “critical conversations between urban leaders, planners and policy makers, architects, designers, activists, and artists” can help create “vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable cities where everyone can thrive.”

Throughout the United States, communities are dealing with a need for more resilient, climate-adaptive environments in the face of environmental challenges. Climate change is causing an increase in disaster events resulting in significant loss of life and property, including billions of dollars in damage. According to a [2022 report by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#), the year 2021 was the third most costly on record, with 20 weather and climate disasters totaling \$145 billion.

In addition, population growth, aging infrastructure, and socioeconomic factors are further straining the built environment. The good news? Architects are helping redesign and redefine the built environment to cope with these stressors. Here are three ways they’re partnering with civic leaders to invest in a more resilient future for communities.

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School Sustainability: Four projects that make the grade



FOUNDERS HALL AT THE FOSTER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON IN SEATTLE

With school coming back into session across the country, AIA is showcasing four projects where sustainability was on the curriculum. These four Education Facility Design Awards recipients take green building seriously.

Founders Hall, Foster School of Business

Located at the University of Washington in Seattle, Founders Hall (pictured above) at the Foster School of Business sets a new standard on campus for embodied and operational carbon reduction. It’s the first mass timber structure on the Seattle campus, where collaborative learning and community building thrive inside a sustainable building poised to inspire future generations of students.

Founders Hall is also the first to embrace the university’s elevated green building standards—it reduces carbon emissions by more than 90% and embodied carbon by nearly 60%. Through its design, the building capitalizes on the region’s temperate climate to integrate natural and mechanical ventilation to provide a comfortable environment for occupants with minimal need for conditioned air. The use of cross-laminated timber decking reflects the university’s deep connection to the Northwest’s enduring wood products industry.

Throughout the process, the building designers LMN Architects ensured that numerous existing Douglas fir and sequoia trees on the site were not only preserved but were a part of the

building's architectural expression. Its façade is paired with sensitively placed glazing to reveal the timber inside and provide views of the surrounding trees. On higher floors, students, faculty, and staff are immersed in the site's forest character.

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AIA Releases Comprehensive Report on Compensation & Benefits Trends in 2023

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) has released its

most comprehensive report on architecture firm compensation and benefits trends in 15 years. The 2023 edition of the AIA Compensation & Benefits Report provides a comprehensive look into how firms are addressing rising inflation, staff shortages, and increased financial pressures and their impact on recruitment and retention.

Firms have been prioritizing creating a better pipeline to employment for students as well as implementing diverse hiring and employee support practices. "Firms continued to find flexible, supportive, and transparent workplace solutions for employees," said **Michele Russo**, AIA Vice President of Research & Practice.

The data collected for this report was extensive, with 16,308 positions reported—an increase of 53% from 2021.

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Programs and Events

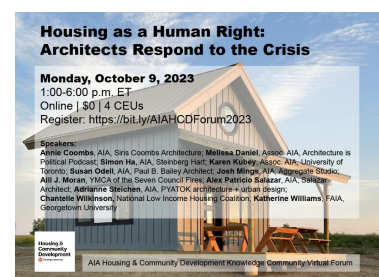
Housing as a Human Right: Architects Respond to the Crisis: AIA Housing & Community Development Know
Oct 9, 1:00 PM - 06:00 PM (ET)

This one-day forum will introduce the AIA Housing and Community Development Knowledge Community (HCD) Right-to-Housing Working Group activities and give participants tools and skills to advocate for more equitable policies and design excellence in affordable housing. It will cover local and national responses to the global housing crisis.

In 2017, The American Institute of Architects declared access to housing a "fundamental right." In 2021, AIA Housing & Community Development Knowledge Community (HCD) launched a Right-to-Housing Working Group to build on this resolution and work to achieve global humanitarian standards. The **1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, signed by the United States, recognizes adequate housing as a key element.

Housing & Community Development

AIA Knowledge Community



Join the conversations about what the right to housing means and how architects can contribute to this goal through design teaching, practice, research, and advocacy.

[Register Now](#)

AIA CRAN Symposium 2023 - Living/Building in the West



The AIA CRAN Symposium is the recognized residential design event bringing together residential architects, product and system suppliers and emerging professionals to share knowledge and expertise.

The presenters for the CRAN symposium in Utah have been selected as recognized architects, planners and thought leaders who are addressing how we plan, create, and construct in a rapidly growing and changing population with next generation architectural methods and while minimizing impacts on the environment.

The continuing education sessions are integrated with two afternoons of tours visiting notable residential projects around the Wasatch Front: from Historic neighborhoods in the Salt Lake Valley to mountain cabins in Park City and Powder Mountain Resorts.

2023 AIA Philadelphia Home Tours | by local Architects

Multiple Locations, October 14 and 15, 2023



Dates

Wed., October 11 (c/in)
through
Sun., October 15 (c/out).

Estimated CE

29.50 LU / 4.50 HSW

Venue

Le Meridien / Element
Downtown Salt Lake City
131 S. 300 W.
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

[Registration is Open!](#)

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Marvin is sponsoring The Filigree House, designed by MOTO Designshop, which features Marvin Essentials, Ultimate and Modern products.



In its inaugural year, the AIA Philadelphia Home Tours will demonstrate to the public the value of using an architect and showcase the very best residential architecture in the Greater Philadelphia Region. The architects will have team members stationed throughout the homes to engage with visitors about architectural details and answer questions.

[Click here for a sneak peek at the homes featured in the 2023 AIA Philadelphia Home Tours](#)

When

Saturday, October 14, 10 AM - 6 PM

Sunday, October 15, 10 AM - 6 PM

Pricing

All Homes Pass | \$35 AIA Members, \$40 General Public

Single Home Ticket | \$10 Everyone (walk-up availability only)

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Meet Dave Aquadro CSI, CDT
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Becker Morgan Group Expands into Virginia with the Design of Staybridge Suites

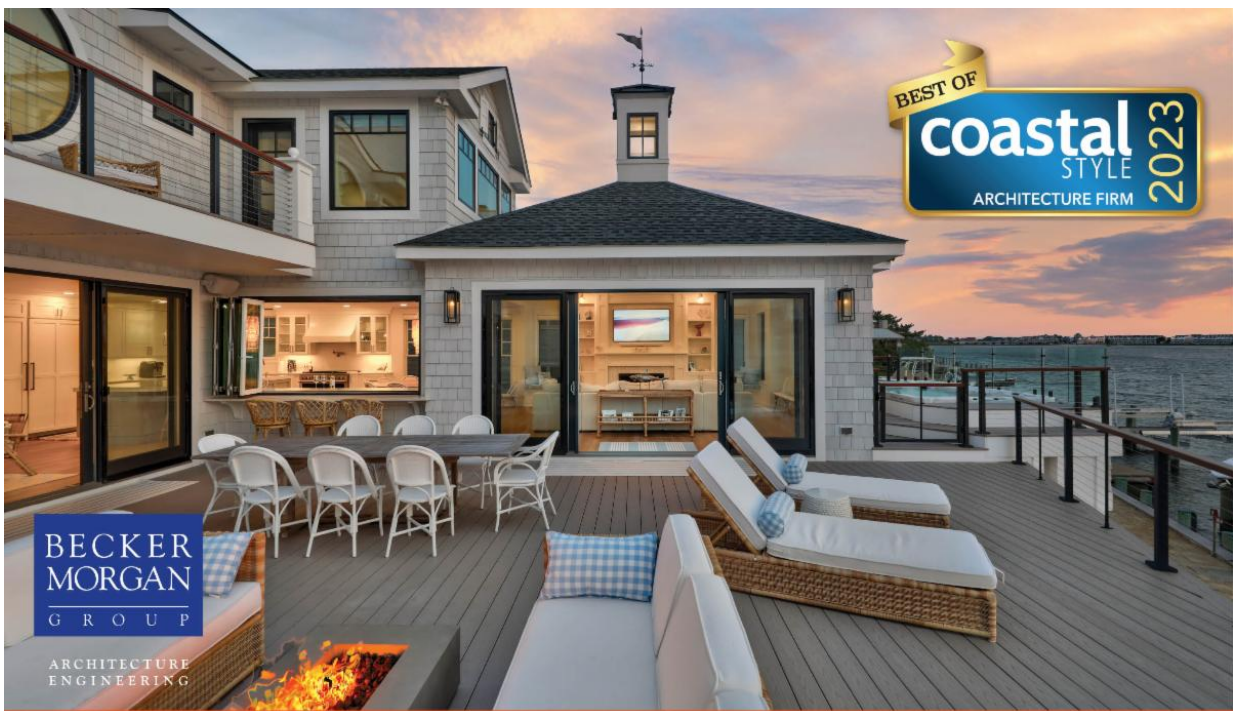
Becker Morgan Group continues to strategically expand its market presence into Virginia by designing the Staybridge Suites Hotel. The firm brings its innovative and functional design expertise to the waterfront city of Norfolk. This project showcases Becker Morgan Group's commitment to blending aesthetic elegance with practicality, offering guests a comfortable and visually appealing space. Our team has seamlessly integrated the hotel's design with the vibrant surroundings by incorporating local elements and considering the unique demands of the area. We strive to adapt to new environments while maintaining our reputation for delivering creative and professional architectural solutions. Becker Morgan Group is excited to contribute to enhancing Virginia's hospitality landscape.

To learn more about this project, visit: www.beckermorgan.com/project/staybridge-suites



Becker Morgan Group Awarded Best Architecture Firm Across Delmarva

Becker Morgan Group is proud to have been recognized by the readers' choice of Coastal Style Magazine's Best of 2023 Award for the top architecture firm in Worcester, Wicomico, and Sussex counties. President Ron Morgan states, "This recognition stands as a testament to our team's unwavering commitment to excellence and innovation in the field of architecture". Becker Morgan Group has been bringing creative design solutions to clients since 1983 and is honored to be known as a responsive and client-centered firm providing optimal design solutions. The firm is organized into practice areas with dedicated staff, ensuring clients receive specialized design attention for their specific project type.



About Becker Morgan Group

Established in 1983, Becker Morgan Group is a leader in architecture, engineering, surveying, land planning, and interior design in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast regions of the United States. Learn more at www.beckermorgan.com.

Spiezle Hires Senior Project Manager Jason E. Maguire



Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc., is pleased to announce that it has hired Jason E. Maguire, AIA, as a Senior Project Manager, based out of the Springfield office.

Jason brings more than 20 years of architectural design experience to the Spiezle team and is well-versed at managing projects from conceptual design through to construction completion. Jason comes to Spiezle from Bernardon in Wilmington, Delaware, where he oversaw multiple large-scale senior living projects, from independent living to assisted living and memory care.



"We are excited to welcome Jason to Spiezle. Our team is keenly focused on planning for what's next in elder care, and finding ways to support our aging population," said Steve Leone, Principal at Spiezle Architectural Group. "Jason's expertise adds to the breadth and depth of our capabilities and will play a large role in our ability to make a difference."

Jason is the State Director for the Delaware Disaster Assistance Program through AIA and a member of the Committee of 100, a non-partisan, non-profit association of Delaware business leaders that works to promote responsible economic development and address issues that affect Delaware's economic health. He earned his Bachelor of Architecture from Drexel University.

About Spiezle Architectural Group

Spiezle Architectural Group is an employee-owned, award-winning, full-service architectural and planning firm. Founded in 1954, the company is known for innovative design, financially responsible solutions, and personalized service. Spiezle serves academic, senior living, acute healthcare, corporate/commercial, government, hospitality, landscape architecture, electrical engineering, urban planning, multi-family, enhanced construction administration, recreational and religious clients. Spiezle is listed in the Top 100 Green Design Firms by Engineering News-Record and the Top 300 U.S. Architecture Firms by Architectural Record. Learn more at www.spiezle.com.

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The AZEK® Company and TimberTech® Recognized for Climate and Environmental Leadership, Named One of America's 2023 Climate Leaders by USA Today; Wins Environment + Energy Leader 2023 Product of the Year Award for TimberTech Advanced PVC Decking



The AZEK Company Inc., the industry-leading manufacturer of beautiful, low-maintenance and environmentally sustainable outdoor living products, including TimberTech decking and railing, and AZEK Trim, and StruXure pergolas, announced that it has been named to *USA Today's* first-ever list of America's Climate Leaders, recognizing the Company's reduction in greenhouse gas emissions between 2019 and 2021. Additionally, TimberTech by AZEK's Advanced PVC wood-alternative decking collection was named a winner of *Environment + Energy Leader's* 2023 Top Product of the Year Awards in recognition of its sustainability attributes, including being made from approximately 60% recycled content, recyclability at end-of-life through AZEK's FULL-CIRCLE Recycling program and lower life cycle carbon footprint versus traditional wood decking.

To determine *America's Climate Leaders*, *USA Today* and *Statista* ranked U.S.-based companies on how much progress they made in reducing Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emission intensity between 2019 and 2021. Emission intensity measures the amount of greenhouse gases a company produces relative to its revenue, which allows for comparisons across companies of varying sizes. An original grouping of 2,000 U.S.-based companies was narrowed to 400 U.S. companies that cut their emissions intensity from 2019 to 2021. The data-driven recognition reflects some of AZEK's recent accomplishments, which include reducing Scope 1 and 2 emissions intensity by approximately 15% from 2019 to 2021 and sourcing carbon-free electricity for most of its manufacturing operations.

For over a decade, the *Environment + Energy Leader Awards* have celebrated excellence in the world of environmental, sustainability and energy management. Award recipients are acknowledged as industry leaders, and featuring a Top Project or Top Product of the Year Award badge signifies their outstanding contributions. Companies seeking sustainable and energy management solutions trust that E+E Product of the Year Award winners offer a comprehensive array of vetted products to guide their decision-making.

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Allied Member News

Karins and Associates

Better Communities Through Better Engineering



Broad Creek Scout Camp

Karins and Associates' Maryland Division has been working beside Ted Jasinski, on the reconstruction of the campfire arena at Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation in Harford County.



Pleasanton

Karins and Associates Newark Division prepared the Major Land Development Plan for Pleasanton, a 237-unit residential subdivision on 188 acres located on the west side of Cedar Lane Road in Middletown, New Castle County.

This site's infrastructure is partially completed. Karins continues to provide builder services necessary to build and complete the new homes.

Join our Team

Karins and Associates is HIRING at all locations! Visit our website for more information: www.karinsengineering.com

Wohlsen Promotes Carmel Anerino to Project Executive

Wohlsen is pleased to announce the promotion of Carmel Anerino, LEED AP, from Senior Project Manager to Project Executive. Carmel will lead and mentor project teams and foster client retention in her new role.

Carmel is a graduate of George Washington University with a Bachelor of Science degree. Her 24 years of construction industry experience have included roles as a preconstruction manager, project manager, senior project manager, and business development manager.

Carmel is currently performing on the University of Maryland Medical System Bed Tower Expansion at their Upper Chesapeake Health Center campus. Her previous experience includes numerous projects for Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children.

Mike Berardi, Senior Vice President, welcomes Carmel in her new role, stating, "I am excited to have Carmel in her new role, continuing her career growth with Wohlsen. Throughout her career, Carmel seeks ways to tackle challenges head-on and find solutions to deliver successful projects for our clients. Carmel's passion for her team members, clients,



Wohlsen, and the construction industry will continue to guide her success.”

Wohlsen Construction Company, founded in 1890, provides construction management, general contracting, and design-build services to clients throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast Regions. As a leading merit-shop firm, Wohlsen provides construction services in the senior living, education, healthcare, and commercial markets, and maintains offices in Wilmington, DE; Lancaster, Harrisburg, and Berwyn, PA; Parsippany, NJ; Baltimore, MD; Hamden, CT; and Sterling, VA.

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