





**AIA Delaware** Board of Directors Election Results

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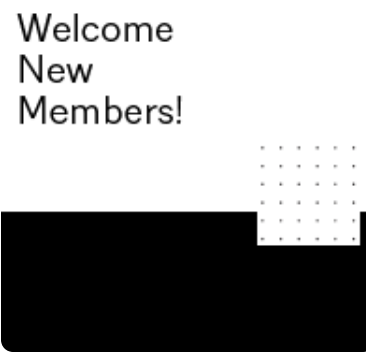
Congratulations to these individuals, who join 2026 AIA Delaware President Robert A. Grove, AIA and previously elected and serving officers on January 1st at AIA Delaware Board Members for the 2026-27 term.

### Welcome New & Returning Members!

We extend a warm welcome to our new members! Your voice, perspective, and participation matter—whether through advocacy, design excellence, community engagement, or mentorship.

Welcome to the AIA community—we're glad you're here!

- Bawi Hei, Assoc. AIA
- Peter Horton, Assoc. AIA
- Paul Manna, Assoc. AIA



Welcome  
New  
Members!

### CONNECT & ENGAGE

#### Historic Resources Committee | AIA Knowledge Committee

#### Save the date: Taliesin Colloquium 2026

February 27–28, 2026 | Taliesin West | Scottsdale, AZ

Join HRC and our panel of invited experts at Taliesin West, a UNESCO World Heritage site and National Historic Landmark nestled in the desert foothills of the McDowell Mountains in Scottsdale, AZ. [Taliesin Colloquium 2026](#) will examine the field of historic preservation at a time of significant change. Those involved in the stewardship of the built environment must consider and navigate many converging and diverging issues driven by a shift in policy, climate, and the rapid advancement of technology. This gathering will offer a unique opportunity for attendees to take part in a timely conversation about the rapidly evolving challenges and opportunities inherent in this moment.

[earn more >](#)

## Design for Aging | AIA Knowledge Community Environments for Aging Conference + Expo 2026

March 16–18, 2026 | Phoenix, AZ

AIA is proud to be an official supporting organization for the [Environments for Aging Conference + Expo](#). Reimagined for 2026, this two-plus-day experience allows attendees to network with peers while learning the latest innovations and best practices in senior living design for long-term and residential care settings.

Make plans to visit our booth in the expo hall to meet DFA leadership, learn about our programs, and find out how you can get involved. Plus, add our annual breakfast and panel discussion to your itinerary. Specifics on both are forthcoming.

[Learn more >](#)

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## Architecture for Education | AIA Knowledge Community Save the date: Spring Conference 2026

April 28 - May 1, 2026 | Seattle, WA

This year's program, "[Designing Belonging: Reciprocity, Resilience, and Regeneration](#)," takes place in a region of dramatic natural context, vibrant international trade, industrial innovation, ecological stewardship, and cultural diversity.

Join a tour curated by architects, educators, clients, and partners highlighting Seattle's AIA Award winning projects across the learning continuum and how its design community advances equity, belonging, and sustainability.

Projects include:

- James Baldwin Elementary, Blakely Elementary, Northwood Elementary, and Clyde Hill Elementary
- University Prep's U-Lab and the SAMi Science and Math Institute
- Seattle University's Sinegal Center for Science and Innovation
- University of Washington: Discovery Hall, Innovation Hall, and Founder's Hall

Each creates a powerful backdrop to link physical infrastructure with social systems, especially relevant as schools navigate post-pandemic, climate adaptation and increased emotional and mental health focus.

Come to connect, stay to learn, and leave inspired by colleagues shaping the future of educational environments.

[Save the date >](#)

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## RESOURCES

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### New on AIAU: Resilience in Practice - Mitigating Hazards, Protecting Communities

This [six-course series](#) equips architects to anticipate climate risk, apply hazard mitigation strategies, and lead resilience efforts across the project lifecycle. It covers flooding, wind, wildfire, extreme heat, drought, seismic risk, retrofits, historic buildings, professional liability, and the business case for resilience—connecting technical strategies with policy, economics, and long-term performance.

The logo for AIAU, consisting of the letters 'AIAU' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'A', 'I', and 'A' are black, and the 'U' is red.

[Learn more and purchase >](#)

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## AIA Compensation & Benefits Report 2025

Authoritative data for every compensation decision

Compensation is one of the most critical—and most sensitive—topics in architecture. That's why AIA collects and analyzes data from hundreds of architecture firms to produce the industry's most comprehensive, trusted, and current report on salary and benefits. The 2025 edition delivers a clear picture of how firms structure salaries, benefits, professional development, and workplace practices.

For firms, it's an indispensable resource for recruitment, retention, and equity. For individuals, it offers the insights you need to make informed career decisions and evaluate opportunities with confidence.

Bring trusted data to the conversations that matter most with the AIA Compensation & Benefits Report 2025.

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## AIA Membership Demographics Report

AIA is committed to advancing diversity and equity in architecture and design through the intentional recruitment and retention of people with underrepresented backgrounds. The 2024 edition of the AIA Membership Demographics Report shares an overview of AIA programs and initiatives that support our diversity efforts—designing for equity and creating a sense of belonging at AIA.

The report aggregates key demographic trends for AIA's membership, Board of Directors, Strategic Council, and headquarters staff.

[Download the report >](#)



## Updates to NCARB Architectural Experience Program Now Effective

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has implemented updates to the Architectural Experience Program® (AXP®) to align the program with the NCARB Competency Standard for Architects, effective November 18, 2025.

The updates include launching a new experience reporting policy, updating each of the six experience area descriptions, and expanding opportunities to gain experience through professional development courses. All changes are reflected in the [AXP Guidelines](#).



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## MEMBER NEWS

### Spiezle Honored with the NJBIZ 2025 Empowering Women Award for the Third Year

[Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc.](#), an award-winning full-service architectural, engineering, interiors, and design firm, is proud to announce that the firm has been recognized as a 2025 Empowering Women Honoree by NJBIZ. This is the third consecutive year that Spiezle has been honored with the award, which demonstrates the firm's continued commitment to elevating women through professional development, mentoring, job advancement, and philanthropic opportunities.

"Year over year, we've had a sustained commitment to our Women's Mentoring Program and increased promotions of women, their roles on the leadership team, and community-focused initiatives that encourage and support women at all levels," said Thomas S. Perrino, President and CEO at Spiezle. "We are grateful for NJBIZ honoring our dedication to empowering women at Spiezle and in the community."

Since being honored in 2023 and 2024, Spiezle has increased its firmwide percentage of women to 45% of its workforce and has seen a 55% increase in the promotion of women over the last year. The firm actively supports the growth and advancement of women in the profession and industry by expanding philanthropic and community initiatives — including sponsorships, scholarships, fundraisers, and career presentations — that create pathways for women to thrive and lead.

"Our vision, mission, and values guide us in empowering women and marginalized groups to achieve equitable access to career opportunities, growth, and a rewarding professional life," said Jill DiClementi, Associate Principal at Spiezle and one of the leaders of the Women's Leadership Group.

For more information, [read the news story](#) titled "NJ companies recognized for 'Empowering Women' in 2025."

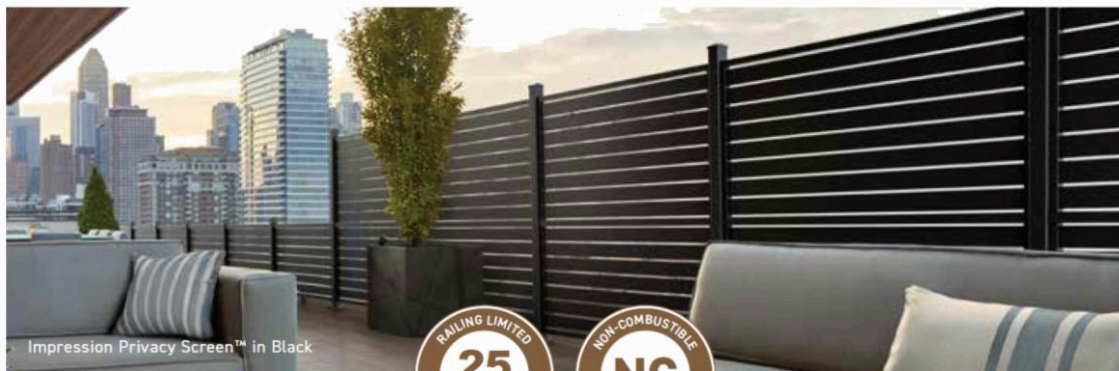


### StudioJAED Architects Engineers & Facilities Solutions announces promotion

We are proud to announce the promotion of Gabe Cheung, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, ALEP to Principal and his addition to our Ownership Team at StudioJAED. Gabe's leadership, technical expertise, and unwavering commitment to our clients and our staff have been instrumental in advancing the firm's mission and strengthening our presence across Delaware and Rhode Island. His promotion reflects not only his professional excellence, but also the trust and respect he has earned amongst our clients and throughout the organization. Please join us in congratulating Gabe on this well-deserved milestone in his [StudioJAED](#) journey!



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## New from TimberTech! IMPRESSION PRIVACY SCREEN™

Designed with modern aesthetic and modular flexibility, [Impression Privacy Screen](#) is a multi-use extension of the Impression Rail Express Collection. Made from durable, non-combustible aluminum, they are code compliant, install with ease, and feature patent-pending FlexChannel™ that keeps the slats from rattling.

- Can be used as a privacy screen, deck divider, trash bin concealment, and more
- Code Compliant: Meets all railing codes for fall resistance with the addition of a top rail; wind load varies by municipality
- Patent-Pending FlexChannel Gasket™ makes for easy and fast installation with a secure hold for slats
- Available in White, Black, and Dark Bronze
- Available up to 6' wide and 6' tall
- Non-Combustible and backed by our best-in-class warranty
- Partners well with the rest of our Impression Rail Express Railing system and lights!

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## Project Spotlight: The Arsenal - Building 116

Building 116 is part of The Arsenal Complex and sits just off the Bridge Street exit of I-95, only minutes from Center City Philadelphia. The Arsenal, formerly the historic Frankford Arsenal, once served as a U.S. Army ammunition plant and has since been transformed into a vibrant mixed-use campus. Today, the site features a private luxury residential community, commercial and industrial loft workspaces, and distinctive event venues. As part of this revitalization, one of the industrial buildings has been converted into a modern art studio.

Philadelphia's Commercial Team selected Pella's Reserve Traditional Double Hung windows, sash sets, and awnings for their outstanding historic detailing and architectural authenticity. Crafted for those who demand nothing less than exceptional, Pella Reserve Traditional offers exquisite through stile construction and authentic proportions and profiles. These windows are the ideal choice for historic renovations, new builds, or replacement projects seeking timeless character.

We worked with Hankin Management Company to update this beautiful building!

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Our commercial team is ready to support all your building needs! We specialize in providing custom solutions tailored to your projects, whether it's crafting specialty shapes for historic buildings or delivering durable, modern frames for new apartment complexes. Explore [our website](#) for inspiration and [reach out to a representative](#) to discuss your upcoming projects. We've got you covered!

We are committed to supporting the Architectural community with education and resources aimed at helping you succeed. Contact us with any questions!

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- Wohlsen Construction Company

**Lehigh University's Packer Hall Renovation**  
**Reverence for the past meets designing for the future**



The more-than-150-year-old building (now known as the Clayton University Center at Packer Hall) was the campus's first building, housing everything from classrooms to dorms to dining halls to a

chapel in its long history. And throughout its time, updates and additions had been made to the structure — including a full-scale reworking in the 1950s. But, since then, both the building’s usefulness (not to mention a bit of its grandeur), had fallen behind the times. It had become a pass-through for students, not a destination, not the campus hub it was meant to be.

So, with that as background, the renovation team set out to chart a course for the future of Packer Hall, gathering input from students, alumni, and more, along the way. The goal: to bring the building up to the 21st century, plan for the needs of future students, all the while not erasing its time-honored legacy.

To see how it all came together, check out the case study [VIDEO](#).

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**McKim & Creed, Inc.** is so proud to support the **Food Bank of Delaware** throughout year, but especially this time of year.

Supporting Delawareans with food insecurities is a cause near and dear to our hearts.



**McKim & Creed, Inc.** participated in the Delaware Technical Community College Campus Career Fair in November.

We were thrilled to be amongst the 40 employers and more than 120 students as they explored career pathways and connected with industry professionals.

**McKim & Creed, Inc.** is hiring across our footprint!



# Lancaster Amtrak Station Renewal Modern Platforms for a Historic Hub

[Wohlsen](#) is proud to have delivered construction management services for the rehabilitation of Amtrak's Lancaster Station platforms, pedestrian bridge, and main station building in Lancaster, PA. This State of Good Repair effort modernized critical passenger infrastructure at an occupied, active rail facility—strengthening safety, access, and long-term performance while respecting the station's historic setting. Our project team completed this work ahead of schedule, returning improved station assets to passengers sooner than planned.

## Rebuilding both platforms for safer, easier boarding

At the core of the project was major work on the North and South platforms, including:

- Demolition of the existing platforms
- Construction of new platforms
- Restoration of canopies and baggage enclosures
- New stormwater management piping
- Restoration of pedestrian bridge stairs serving platform access

## Restoring key passenger connections

The project also included pedestrian bridge renovations and improvements to passenger circulation, ensuring safe, intuitive movement between platforms and the station building.

## Protecting the station's historic character

Beyond the trackside work, Wohlsen managed restoration of the main station building, which included historic window and door restoration, structural concrete wall repairs, selective brick repointing, and HVAC pump and valve replacements. The goal was simple: preserve what makes the Lancaster Station a landmark, while upgrading what keeps it working for today's riders.

## Project scale

**Station building:** 38,560 SF | **Pedestrian overpass:** 5,000 SF | **Platforms:** 32,000 SF

Delivering this work in a complex rail environment required careful phasing, close coordination, and a constant focus on safety and quality. We're grateful to Amtrak, PennDOT, and the full project team for the partnership—and proud to help deliver a renewed Lancaster Station that's safer, more accessible, and ready for the next generation of rail travel.

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