



### 2025 Architecture Week Celebration

AIA PA celebrated Architecture Week (April 13-29) 2025 by sharing examples of architectural excellence at the state capitol and inspiring young minds to design and create animal communities.

From April 14-24th, the PA State Capitol's main rotunda was host to our Architecture Week [exhibit](#). The centerpiece of the exhibit was a Pennsylvania state map with QR code pointers highlighting the projects and firms who won our 2024 Design and COTE [awards](#). These QR codes led visitors to our member firm's websites highlighting the individual projects, their vision, the history of the project, and their innovative designs. The PA State Capitol itself was the winner of the 50 Year Timeless award and our exhibit included our beautifully shot and narrated [video](#) celebrating Pennsylvania's "Palace of Art".

Our own, Amyra Weiss - Chief Communications Visionary and Storyteller, brought Architecture Week to her daughter's kindergarten classroom. Inspired by AIA Kansas City's animal dice game, Amyra guided the class through designing two [communities](#), which included libraries for snakes, hotels for monkeys, schools for fish, homes for penguins and more. The children were prompted to think about the client's needs, their environment, and the connections between the structures and the surrounding communities. We also shared several resources with the Pennsylvania county library systems to provide opportunities for children of all ages to learn more about architecture and ACE career possibilities.

Our Architecture Week celebrations provided for thousands of people and students to see the amazing work of our members and to appreciate the importance of architects in creating our built environment. We encourage all of our members to share our available Architecture Week [resources](#) with their network to inspire the next generation of architects.

## ADVOCACY

### A Reaffirmation To Our Membership

Please take a moment to read the statement from AIA Pennsylvania leadership, reaffirming our ongoing commitment to serve and support all of our more than 3,000 members across the state.

Thank you for being a part of our community.

[Read Now](#)

### Nomination period now open until May 27th!

The AIA Pennsylvania Architectural Excellence Special Awards recognize significant achievements by members, non-members, civic leaders, allied professionals, and firms who contribute to the built environment and the advancement of the profession in the Commonwealth.

[Nominate Now >](#)



## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

### AIA PA Design & COTE Awards Opening Soon!

Monday, June 2, 2025 - Friday, August 1, 2025

AIA Pennsylvania celebrates the great work that Pennsylvania's architects are doing to affect positive social, environmental, and economic outcomes for their clients and communities. The Architectural Excellence Design Awards celebrate the exemplary design achievements of members and the impact of architecture regardless of budget, size, style, or type.

The Architectural Excellence COTE, or Committee on the Environment, Awards celebrate achievement in the [AIA Framework for Design Excellence](#) measures that indicate how buildings perform for the health and wellness of the occupants, communities, and the environment they serve.

[Learn More >](#)

### Residential Elevators for an Accessible Home

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Virtual | 1 AIA LU|HSW

Elevators, once associated mainly with commercial spaces, now enhance residential living by providing lifetime accessibility and convenience. Their affordability and convenience make elevators a valuable addition to homes, expanding the market for home resale.

[Register Now >](#)

### Landscape Architecture on Structures

Thursday, May 15, 2025 | 10am - 11am | Virtual | 1 AIA LU|HSW

The course explains the key design responsibilities and role the landscape architect plays in the planning, design and construction of rooftop landscapes. Landscape architects collaborate with an extensive project team of design and engineering professionals to navigate the regulatory landscape and coordinate numerous trades of work associated with these complex landscapes.

[Register Now >](#)

### Developing Design Studio Pedagogy for Increased Student Wellness & Success

Monday, May 19, 2025 | 1pm-3pm | Virtual

Open to All Adjuncts, Full Time Professors and Administrators As design educators, we set the tone in the studio. We have the opportunity to center student wellness while also continuing to achieve the high level of standards expected in design schools and in the profession.

[Register Now >](#)

### 2nd-on-2nd Small Firm Forum June

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 | 12pm - 1pm | Virtual | 1 AIA LU Submitted

How to Collaborate with Other Firms: Maximize Collaboration, Minimize Confusion Summary: Begin by understanding the benefits and challenges of collaboration. Define clear roles like design architect vs. architect of record, and set mutual expectations for responsibilities.

[Learn More >](#)

### Women's Leadership Summit Scholarship Application is NOW OPEN!

Ready to elevate your career and connect with the nation's most powerful network of women in architecture and design? Apply for the AIA Pennsylvania Women's Leadership Summit (WLS) Scholarship and join us in Atlanta, November 3-5, 2025!

[Apply Now >](#)



## MEMBER NEWS & INSIGHTS

### Architects Foundation Names New Executive Director

*Architects Foundation, the philanthropic partner of the American Institute of Architects, announced the appointment of Jennifer Calvert Hall as its new Executive Director. Calvert Hall was identified following a highly competitive national search and brings extensive experience in fundraising and nonprofit management. The appointment of Calvert Hall as the Foundation's Executive Director becomes effective on May 12, 2025.*

[Read more >](#)

### ByDesign: Architecture Filming in AIA Philadelphia

*ByDesign is coming to AIA Philadelphia! We're excited to announce that ByDesign, in partnership with AIA Philadelphia, will soon be filming episodes showcasing the innovative work of Philadelphia architects and their projects. **Even better—there's no cost for architects to participate!***

[Read more >](#)

### Mayoral Candidates on the Future of Building in Pittsburgh: *from AIA Pittsburgh*

*As Pittsburgh prepares for its next mayoral election, AIA Pittsburgh is working to ensure that the voices and priorities of architects are part of the conversation. To better understand where the candidates stand on key issues that shape our built environment, AIA Pittsburgh's Advocacy Committee developed a 6-question survey addressing topics such as economic development, housing, sustainability, population growth, and the City's Comprehensive Plan.*

[Read More >](#)

## AIA Conference on Architecture & Design® 2025

### SAVE THE DATE! June 4-7, 2025

Step into a world where imagination takes the lead and innovation knows no limits. At AIA25, happening June 4-7 in Boston, creativity becomes a playground for discovery, experimentation, and reimagining the possibilities in architecture and design.

[Learn more >](#)