

June 9, 2020

RE: AIA Emerging Professional Award – Criteria Service

It is with pride that I compose this letter of nomination for the 2020 AIA Emerging Professional Award. A letter of nomination based not only on aptitude, but on moral character. The applicant's resume will speak for itself, sterling and stellar, chronicling Erin Curley's achievements and accolades of service to the institute, profession and community.

This letter of nomination transcends those typical academic and professional credentials and focuses on those unique characteristics not found on paper or electronic word. This letter attests to a shining personality, genuine and true with sheer determination in being the best she can be, through motivation by engaging others and drawing them near; a giving of one's self without remorse or expecting anything in return. To the young, she is a mentor, evoking questions and guiding them toward self-evaluated solutions. To communities and clients she applies the same zest and vigor of engagement, outlining possibilities and leading and encouraging group participations, and always looking for a solution that betters the overall outcome and brings reality to the situation at hand. Here is someone who has proven herself in so many ways, who cares, extending her abilities to successfully reach out to others and educate. Here is a mix of intellectual brilliance and leadership with a willingness to confront issues and take challenges. Here contained within are personal attributes of someone who is genuine, with a straight forward attitude and to an extent, courageousness to succeed and positively contribute to any organization that she is involved with. I highly recommend to you without hesitation, Erin Curley, as being a bright and emerging professional with so much to offer, who has done so much already, for the institute, the profession and in communities which she serves with no indication of limiting her endeavors as time proceeds!

With Best Wishes,



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AIA
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June 10, 2020

Re: Letter of Support for
Ms. Erin K. Curley, AIA, NCARB, LEED GA
AIA Ohio Emerging Professional Award

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Dear AIA Ohio Board of Directors:

Please accept this as a letter of endorsement and recommendation for Erin Curley in support of her submission for the AIA Ohio Emerging Professional Award. Erin has continuously demonstrated commitment, professionalism, leadership and service to the AIA, the architecture profession, and her community.

While serving as the Associate Director of AIA Toledo, Erin initiated a fully funded ARE Prep Program with grant funding by AIA Ohio and the College of Fellows. As a local firm owner, I have had the privilege of seeing some of our very own staff members greatly expand their architectural knowledge and become registered architects, much through the support and encouragement of Erin.

Through her efforts in co-organizing the Hip Hop Architecture Camp in Toledo, Erin united numerous volunteers and additional resources to introduce underrepresented youth to architecture, urban planning, and design.

Erin currently serves as the president of BGSU's Architecture Advisory Committee, where she has devoted countless hours and service in assisting the university in recently receiving the Master of Architecture professional degree from the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB).

Erin is truly an asset to this profession. I continue to be impressed and appreciative of her efforts in serving the community and the AIA. It is with great pleasure that I support Erin's application for the AIA Ohio Emerging Professional Award.

Sincerely,

Craig A. Pickerel, AIA
2020 President, AIA Toledo



AIAS CONSTRUCTION



AIA OVR - EP STRATEGIC PLANNING



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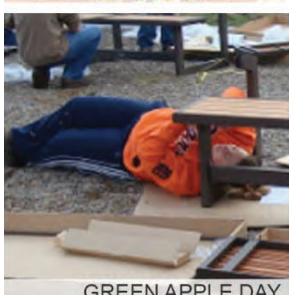
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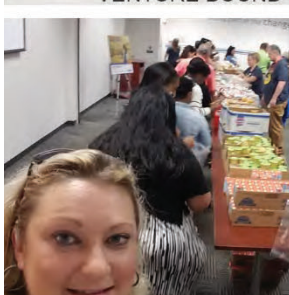
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GREEN APPLE DAY



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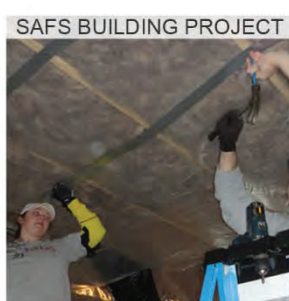
CONNECT'G KIDS 2 MEAL



RCM PARK(ing) DAY



RACE FOR LITERACY



SAFS BUILDING PROJECT



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BGSU STUDENT REVIEWS



BGSU FOOTBALL FIELD SPOTLIGHT



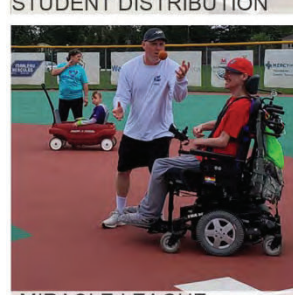
HANDLEBAR ARCH TOUR



UW BACKPACK BUILD



STUDENT DISTRIBUTION



MIRACLE LEAGUE

A dynamic force in her career and community, Ms Erin Curley continuously contributes "beyond self" to improve the community, human condition, advocacy of the architecture profession and fight for a greater good.

Her childhood community involvement has inspired her subsequent contributions through her career. Demonstrating a commitment to bridging the gap between the architecture profession and the community, her professional involvement began as a board member with AIAS, during her time at Bowling Green State University. She has remained involved in professional or community organizations, often multiple, since. Currently serving as the President of the BGSU Architecture Advisory Board, AIA Toledo University Expo Coordinator and a board member for The Miracle League of Northwest Ohio, former board/committee positions include AIA Toledo, AIA Ohio, AIA OVR Convention, EPIC Toledo, United Way of Greater Toledo, SSOE, AIAS and National Society of Leadership & Success.

She engages the community through volunteering, mentoring students, encouraging women to discover strength, speaking in panel discussions and enhancing the recognition of architects in the community. Bringing first time programs and events to her local chapter, such as the Hip Hop Architecture Camp, Handlebar Architecture Tour, University Expo and an ARE Prep program, she has a way of connecting to people and helping connect people to their community.

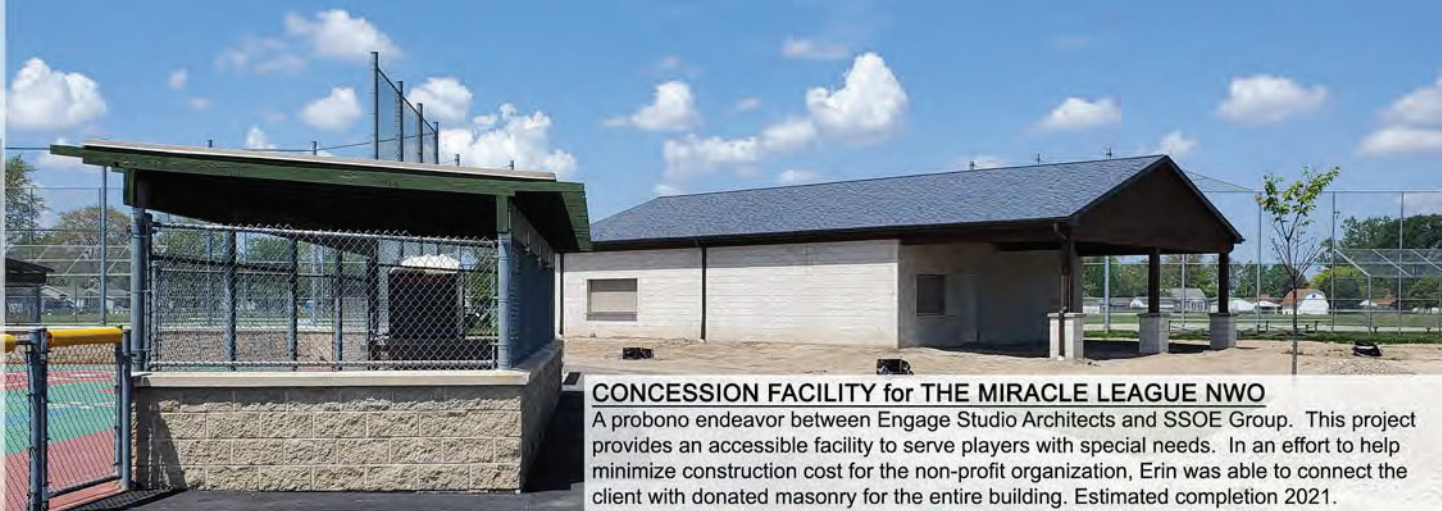
Throughout her career, she has provided over 4,000 hours of volunteer service, leading to the completion of the Sylvania Area Family Services addition and currently under construction, a concession facility for The Miracle League of Northwest Ohio benefiting those with special needs.

Her commitment to creating positive impact in the community is demonstrated through a range of accolades received during her career. Toledo 20 under 40 Award, AIA Ohio Presidential Citation, AIA Toledo Emerging Professional of the Year, AIA Toledo Citation Design Award, Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE Scholarship and nomination for EPIC Toledo ICON Award and the BGSU Women of Distinction Award to name a few.

A woman of compelling drive, she founded Engage Studio Architects, LLC in October 2019, with a desire to harness her variety of expertise to enhance her impact in the community. In addition to firm ownership, she continuously strives to enhance her knowledge, as demonstrated by her diverse credentials and her current pursuit to achieve both a Master Plans Examiner Credential from the Ohio Board of Building Standards and a Master of Business Administration degree from Bowling Green State University.

Erin spurs change and follows through with action with each endeavor she embraces, making her a true catalyst for the region and advocate for the architecture profession. Her engagement has helped shape our community through physical and social interactions, creating a new generation of dedicated voices and strong leaders.

COMMUNITY

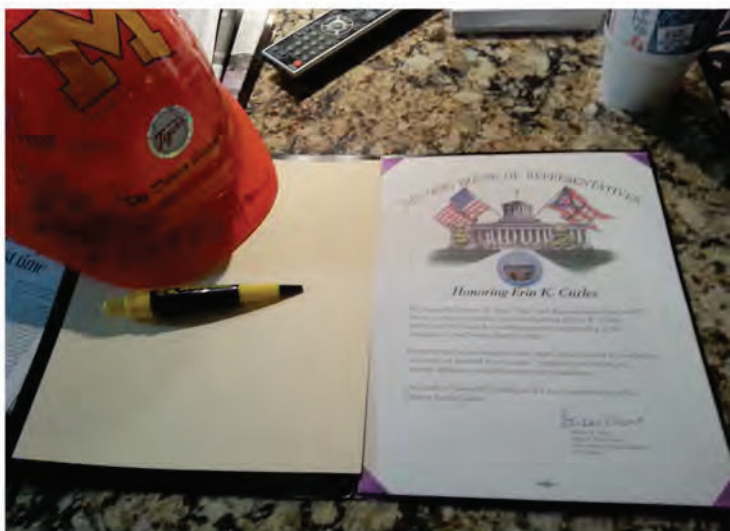


CONCESSION FACILITY for THE MIRACLE LEAGUE NWO

A probono endeavor between Engage Studio Architects and SSOE Group. This project provides an accessible facility to serve players with special needs. In an effort to help minimize construction cost for the non-profit organization, Erin was able to connect the client with donated masonry for the entire building. Estimated completion 2021.

SYLVANIA AREA FAMILY SERVICES ADDITION

As an employee of Architecture by Design, Erin spearheaded the completion of this project. The firm contract for the shell was completed in 2010. Left with an empty building, ceased recession funding and an increased growth in need, Erin contacted the local trade unions and coordinated the completion of the interior with volunteer labor and donations, totalling approximately \$300,000. During the 3 year completion, she continued to work full time and attended graduate school. She was presented with a State of Ohio Legislative Proclamation for her work and the SAFS director presented her with a signed hard hat. Several articles related to this project were published in The Sylvania Advantage News and The Toledo Blade. Completed December 2013.



BOARD / COMMITTEE POSITIONS

BGSU Architecture Advisory Board

President 2019 - Present

Guest Juror / Speaker 2007 - Present

Miracle League of Northwest Ohio

Board Member 2019 - Present

AIA Toledo

University Expo Coordinator 2015 - Present

HSDC Juror/Advisor/Liaison 2010 - Present

Membership / Development Chair 2018

Associate Director 2014 - 2017

EPIC Toledo

Advisory Board 2017-2019

Non-profit Palooza Chair 2019

SSOE; United Way Chair 2019

AIA Ohio Valley Region

Ohio Co-Chair, Convention 2017

AIA Ohio; Membership Task Force 2016

NSLS LTU; Newsletter Coord. 2010-2012

AIAS BGSU; Activities Coordinator 2002-2005

BGSU



AIA Toledo



TOLEDO

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Women of Toledo HerHub 2020 - Present

East Maumee Bay Chamber 2020 - Present

Miracle League Volunteer 2019 - Present

Toledo Regional Chamber 2019 - Present

Mentor for Summer in the City Program

Leadership Toledo 2019 - Present

Habitat for Humanity Playhouse 2019-Present

Connecting Kids to Meals 2018 - Present

United Way of Greater Toledo 2017 - Present

Toledo Zoo YPAC Member 2016 - Present

EPIC Toledo Member 2015 - Present

AIA Golf Outing 2013 - Present

Race for Literacy 2018 - 2019

Hip Hop Architecture Camp 2018

Youth Library Education Day 2016

Green Schools Volunteer 2013 - 2014

Sylvania Area Family Services 2008 - 2014

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer 2002 - 2006

Youth Assistant Softball Coach 2000 - 2004

SERVE

CONNECT



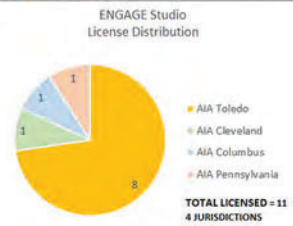
UNIVERSITY EXPO - HSDC

As a former Associate Director, Erin initiated the University Expo in conjunction with AIA Toledo's Annual High School Design Competition. With a desire to connect students with "local" architecture programs, the expo presents opportunity for students to meet with university representatives from 9 architecture programs within a 5 hour radius of Toledo, Ohio. The expo has been active since 2015, and includes schools from Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. Invitations also included Pennsylvania State University, Boston Architectural College and the University of Kentucky.

EMERGE

AIA TOLEDO ARE PREP PROGRAM

As a former Associate Director for AIA Toledo, Erin initiated an ARE Prep Program with grant funding from AIA Ohio and the College of Fellows. Consisting of monthly seminars, weekly study sessions and study materials, the data demonstrates the success of the program from 2015-2017. 31 individuals in 8 jurisdictions passed their attempted exams (91% pass rate) and 11 individuals during that time earned their license throughout Toledo, Cleveland, Columbus and Pennsylvania. In the years to follow, additional candidates passed exams and earned their license due to the availability of study material.



CREATE STRONGER IMPACT

Always watch for opportunities to encourage others to become involved.

Serving as the co-organizer for the Hip Hop Architecture Camp held at the Lucas County Public Library. Erin was able to secure 40 hours of volunteer time from AIA Toledo architects and community members to serve the week long program.

Invited to speak at the Girls in STEM conference, Erin adapted the opportunity into a session titled "Innovating and Challenging the Built Environment". 19 women with diverse expertise joined to inspire young girls to learn about architecture, design construction and product sales.



BGSU



LEAD

BUILD THE NEXT GENERATION

Mentorship is the key to a thriving future. It is those who share their experience and help others grow that provide positive, creative and collaborative environments.

Erin has served as a mentor in numerous ways. She is a regular guest juror for BGSU student reviews and has participated in several mentorship panel discussions and presentations to students/peers. She has coordinated and shared her time with several high school students during shadow opportunities and has been involved as either a judge or student advisor for the AIA Toledo High School Design Competition since 2010.



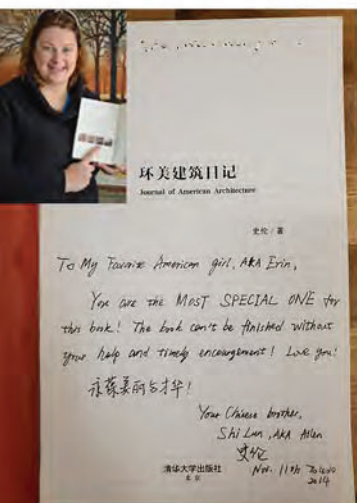
MENTOR



JOURNAL OF AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE

During an urban design studio at Lawrence Tech, a professor asked if students would assist in providing transportation for three Chinese exchange students to and from Detroit. Aware of the opportunity presented, Erin agreed to transport the students for each class. After only two weeks, she noticed the students from Beijing were dismayed by the secluded atmosphere in Southfield, Michigan. She invited the students to join her on the weekends in Toledo, Ohio. One student in particular, made travel back to Toledo, part of his routine. During this time, Erin and her family helped Shi Lun explore many Ohio cities and introduced him to their heritage, holiday traditions, family and friends.

His exposure to the CURLEY family became inspiration for his book, which documents his experience and travels to 20 American cities in 54 days and the beautiful architecture he explored.



INSPIRE

ACHIEVE



HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Toledo 20 under 40 Award Recipient - 2019
Consecutive nominations since 2014
 AIA Ohio Presidential Citation - 2017
 AIA Toledo Emerging Professional of the Year - 2015
 AIA Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE Scholarship - 2014

NOMINATIONS

EPIC Toledo ICON Award Candidate - 2020
Program postponed due to pandemic, outcome TBD
 BGSU Women of Distinction Award Nominee - 2020

PROJECT RELATED HONORS

AIA Toledo Citation Design Award - 2014
Interrupt Marketing
 State of Ohio Legislative Proclamation - 2013
Sylvania Area Family Services



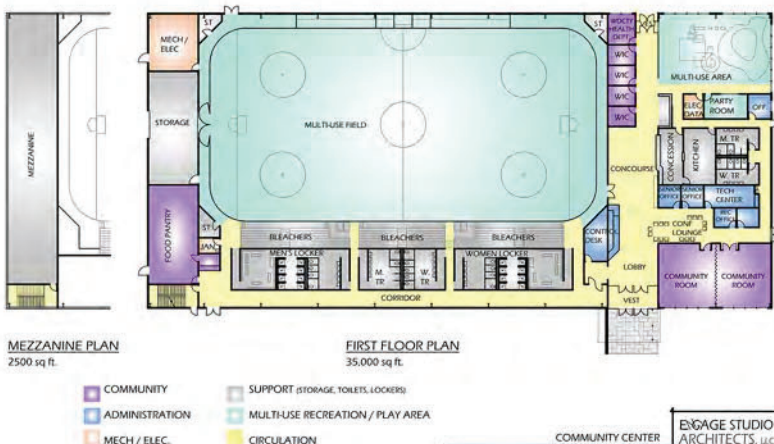
ENGAGE STUDIO ARCHITECTS, LLC

Erin's decision to establish the firm occurred during participation in the "Aly Sterling Philanthropy" Board Member Accelerator in late September 2019. Inspired to be a better board member, she quickly turned to exploring firm ownership with the desire to enhance her community impact. By October 2019, she had received authorization from the state and the firm was founded.

Erin's dream since grade school has been to own a firm. Though in it's infancy, the firm is already establishing repeat clientele and a focus on community projects.



ENGAGE



GROWTH

CREDENTIALS

Registered Architect
 Ohio and Michigan
 American Institute of Architects
 NCARB Certificate
 LEED Green Associate
 CAL OES
 Safety Assessment Volunteer
 8-HR ICRA Awareness Certified

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration
Expected Graduation 2022
 Bowling Green State University
 Master of Architecture
 Sustainable Architecture, 2012
 Lawrence Technological Univ.
 Bachelor of Science in Technology
 Arch / Environ. Design, 2005
 Bowling Green State University

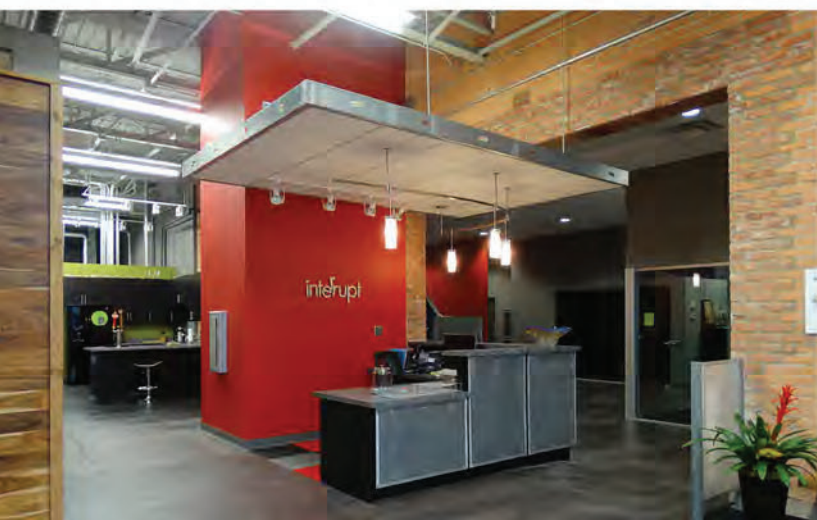


PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Foundations of a Servant Leader - In Progress
 Driving Your Business Toward Growth - In Progress
 Master Plans Examiner Certification - In Progress
 ASP Board Member Accelerator - 2019
 Leadership Toledo Graduate - 2019
 OBBS Code Academy - 2018
 Predictive Index Assessment - 2017
 Institute for Leadership and Advocacy Graduate - 2017

EXPERIENCE

Engage Studio Architects, CEO/Architect 2019 - Present
 SSOE Group, Architect 2017-2019
 BGSU Adjunct Faculty, Codes/Regulations 2017
 RCM Architects, Architect/Designer 2014-2017
 Architecture by Design, Designer 2004-2014
 Graham Residential Design, Drafter 2004
 Electrical Construction, Summer Help 1999-2004
 *Business, Retail, Plaza, Education, Restaurant, Storage, Healthcare, Religious, Tenant, Multi-Family, etc.



INTERRUPT MARKETING OFFICE: SYLVANIA, OHIO

As an employee of Architecture by Design, Erin served as the project manager / co-designer for the new office in a historic building. The client requested a space to highlight their work as a construction industry marketing company. Hierarchy, natural daylight and an openness for community engagement were aspects of the design. Plenty of creative space for collaboration.

Erin encouraged the firm to submit for the design awards for the first time. She photographed the space, prepared the submission package and the firm received a Citation Design Award by AIA Toledo in 2014.

DESIGN



Toledo Design Collective
URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN

June 7, 2020

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Re: AIA Ohio Emerging Professional Award-2020

Dear AIA Ohio Board of Directors,

I have known Erin K. Curley, AIA for many years and am delighted to provide this letter of support for the consideration of her as this year's AIA Ohio Emerging Professional.

2020 marks my 50th year in Toledo and over four decades as a member of AIA. Reflecting back on my career I can say, without hesitation, I have known few young architects who could match Erin's energy and passion for exhibiting the value and heart of our profession while unselfishly giving back to her community and the AIA Toledo Chapter as a "servant leader".

My only criticism of Erin is that her plate is always so full we have never been able to lure her talents to the Toledo Design Collective, NW Ohio's only non-profit Community Design Center. As a member of our Board I am certain her contributions would be impactful to our commitment that thoughtful planning and urban design can make a positive quality of life difference.

Sincerely,

**Paul R. Hollenbeck, AIA
Toledo Design Collective, Chair**

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

June 8, 2020

To:

AIA Ohio
Emerging Professional
Award Committee

From:

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Subject: A Letter of Support for Erin Curley

I am glad to write on behalf of Erin Curley in support of her nomination to the AIA Ohio Emerging Professional Award in the service category. I am well familiar with Erin Curley's progress, accomplishments, and involvement over the last nineteen years—since she first joined the BGSU architecture program. Erin exemplifies the high end of the AIA Ohio Emerging Professional Award candidates. Erin has demonstrated that through service to the Institute, the profession and the community, she promoted the value of architecture and design.

Erin's record clearly shows resolute personality and professional outlook that positioned her well to engage beyond the sphere of architectural practice. First in the family venturing into college, she showed a tenacity for both architectural preparation and professional advancement. Determined to be an architect, she endured the challenge of going through the Master of Architecture Program at Lawrence Tech on a part-time basis commuting from the full-time job in Toledo area. She exerted a clear impact on the productivity of the Sylvania, Ohio Architecture by Design firm. My familiarity with the firm attests to her ten-year progressively leading role. The responsibilities of now managing an architectural business of her own, Engage Studio Architects, has not slowed down her outward connections and service activities.

What adds to Erin's distinction is the role of supporting the community at a variety of levels. In terms of exerted efforts, impact, and recognition, Erin's contributions surpassed those of most individuals who I know at her stage of growth. Mentioned in her exhibit, the public interest service activities Erin performed had influenced the public, the profession, and the architectural education. For brevity, only an impact synopsis on each follows. The value of her service to the AIA at the local, State, and national levels prompted positioning her as the Associate Director of the AIA-Toledo Chapter. The leadership that Erin exercised for completing the Sylvania Area Family Services building endowed her with Legislative Proclamation from the Ohio House of Representatives in 2013. The support that Erin gives to the BGSU architecture program over the years underpins her election as the President of the Program Advisory Board. Erin is a distinguished member of the architectural community in Northwest Ohio and she is destined to continue playing leadership roles in the profession and the community. As an outstanding service candidate, I recommend her highly for the AIA Ohio EP Award.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Salim Elwazani

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