



Ohio 2025 Year in Review



Blacklick Woods Canopy Walk Tower by [Paros Architecture + Design LLC](#) located in Reynoldsburg, Ohio received a 2025 AIA Ohio Honor Award for Small Projects (Less than 5,000 SF & under \$1.5 million).

About Us

AIA Ohio, representing over 2,200 architects and associate architects from across the state, is at the forefront of influencing statewide public policy through our government advocacy program. Comprised of seven local components, AIA Ohio seeks to inspire and empower architects to improve society and transform the world.

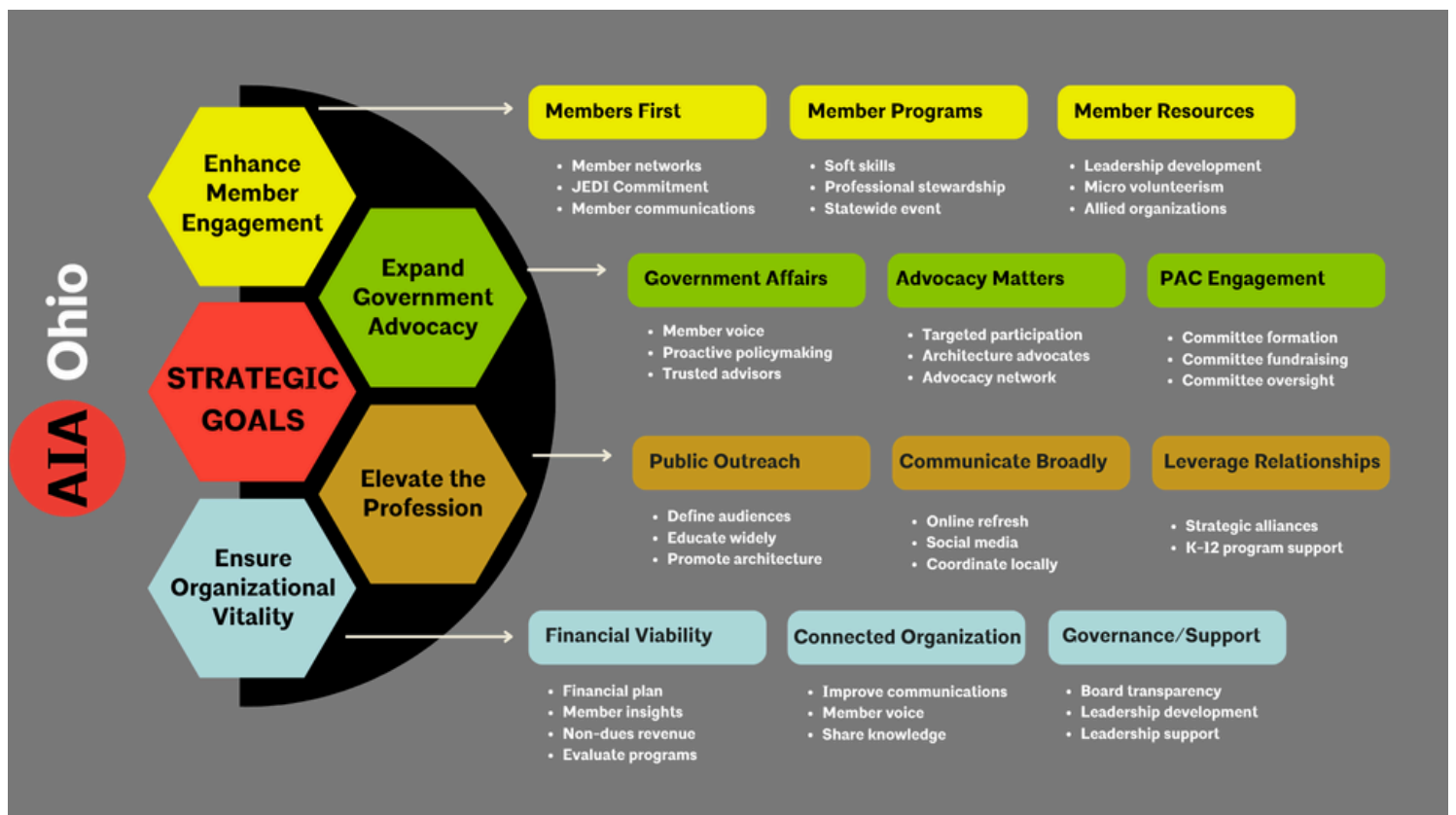


Our Mission:

AIA Ohio advocates for the profession of architecture.

Our Strategic Plan

Advancing AIA Ohio and the profession through advocacy, leadership, and increasing value to members.



AIA Ohio

2025 Leadership

AIA Ohio is governed by an engaged Board of Directors that represents each of the seven local components in the state. The Board is lead by a five-member Executive Committee. Directors on the Board represent the seven local components, Ohio's schools of architecture, and various national positions.



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2025 Snapshot

AIA Ohio started the year by reorganizing committees and work groups to further the mission and goals defined in our strategic plan.

Sponsorship Committee

Raised \$37,500

PAC Committee

Raised: \$6,020;
Contributions
distributed in district:
\$4,500

Member Engagement Work Group

Hosted 185 design professionals at the 2025 AIA Ohio Conference: Integrate

Organizational Vitality Work Group

Developed concept of financial strategic plan

Public Awareness Work Group

Collaborated with America ByDesign to showcase Ohio design projects

Government Advocacy Work Group

Advocacy Day
Hired new Lobbyist
Tracked legislation

Member Engagement: AIA Ohio Advocacy Day



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Meetings



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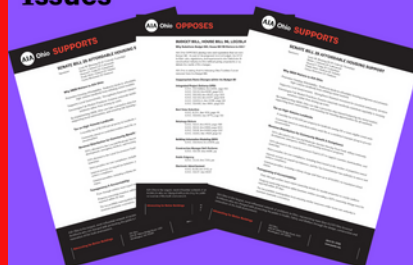
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Offices



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Member
Attendees



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AIA Ohio Integrate:

Connecting People, Ideas, & Spaces

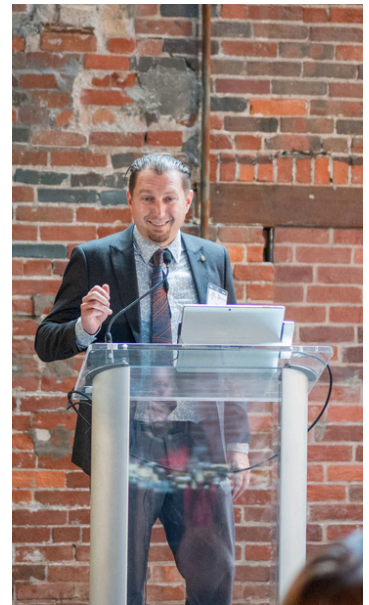
Sept. 25–26, 2025

Members of the AIA Ohio community came together to learn, educate, and celebrate at the 2025 AIA Ohio “Integrate” Conference in Columbus on September 25th and 26th. The event was planned to provide members with full conference experience that maintained all of the key elements of a successful conference in a shorter, more efficient format.

Attendees had the opportunity to start their afternoon with one of Ohio’s most enjoyable annual programs, the LUs & Brews program. Featuring a range of product representatives, the LUs & Brews offered an opportunity for both education and networking while enjoying a festive atmosphere to start off the conference. Followed closely by a cocktail hour and keynote presentation by AIA Gold Medal winner Carol Ross Barney, FAIA, the activity continued to build to the annual AIA Ohio Awards Celebration. The awards kicked off with recognition of AIA Ohio’s annual sponsors and the recognition of Ohio’s newly registered architects. This was followed by several presentations by the AIA Ohio Foundation. Five Student Design Award submissions were recognized along with three Foundation grants. Four Charles Marr Citations were presented to members recognized by their service to their chapter. AIA Ohio’s new Fellows, Chris Meyers, FAIA, and Jonathan Moody, FAIA, were also recognized for their elevation to the college earlier this year.

The Design Award program started with the announcement of the People’s Choice Awards. Over 7,000 votes were cast for the People’s Choice Awards, and the top three projects were recognized. The juried Design Awards followed. Ninety-five submissions from 41 firms were juried, with 17 of them receiving AIA Ohio Awards. Four Honorable Mention Awards, including two newly built projects, one interior architecture project, and one small project were recognized.

In the Award of Merit category, four awards were presented, with two in the newly completed project category, one in interior architecture, and one in the category of additions, renovations, and restorations. Seven Honor Awards were selected by the jury with two in the newly completed building category. There were three Honor Awards in the category of additions, renovations, and restorations. There was one each for interior architecture and small projects.



AIA Ohio Integrate:

Connecting People, Ideas, & Spaces

Sept. 25–26, 2025

The AIA Design Awards were followed by AIA Ohio's Honor Awards. These awards recognize the accomplishment of some of AIA Ohio's most successful and engaged members. The Emerging Professional Award was presented to Hannah Evwaraye, AIA, followed by the AIA Ohio Public Service Award, presented to Jeffery Meyers, AIA. The AIA Ohio Mentor Award was presented to Mark Diekmann, AIA. The final award of the program was the AIA Ohio Gold Medal, the highest individual recognition a member can receive from AIA Ohio. The 2025 Gold Medal was awarded to Johnathan Barnes, FAIA, Co-managing Director at Gensler Columbus.

The Awards program was a celebration of the amazing contributions of AIA members to the profession of architecture from across the state, and a wonderful way to kick off this year's conference.

While Thursday's programs and activities focused mainly on recognizing our members, the programming offered Friday was about personal growth and education. The kickoff breakfast included presentations by AIA Ohio's committees and boards, emphasizing the work of each through the year. From strategic planning, to advocacy, sponsorship, member engagement and convention planning, members were treated to the highlights of the accomplishments to date in 2025, and invited to join us as we continue our work in 2026.

The new Junto Hotel in the Franklinton area of Columbus served as this year's hub with activities taking place in and around the area. Throughout Friday, 12 learning programs, 4 tours, a ½ hour-long nano learning session, and a keynote presentation by Ann Lui, AIA, were presented, providing attendees with an opportunity to obtain more than 10 learning units from over 22 offered over the day and a half event.

In keeping with the "Integrate" theme, the conference ended with a happy hour, for EP members, NOMA, and the AIA College of Fellows. The 2025 conference provided each participant with unique engagement opportunities. This year conference was a success in many ways and we hope to see each member participate in our learning, networking, and celebration events in 2026.



2025 Design Awards Honor Awards

1. 43 Green Phase 2

Honor Award for Newly Completed Buildings

Submitting Firm: Moody Nolan – Principle Design Architect and LBBA Architects – Architect of Record



2. Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library – Forest Park Branch

Honor Award for Newly Completed Buildings

Submitting Firm: SHP



3. Glenville Branch Renovation

Honor Award for Additions, Renovations
and Restorations

Submitting Firm: Bialosky

4. Ford Nature Center

Honor Award for Additions, Renovations
and Restorations

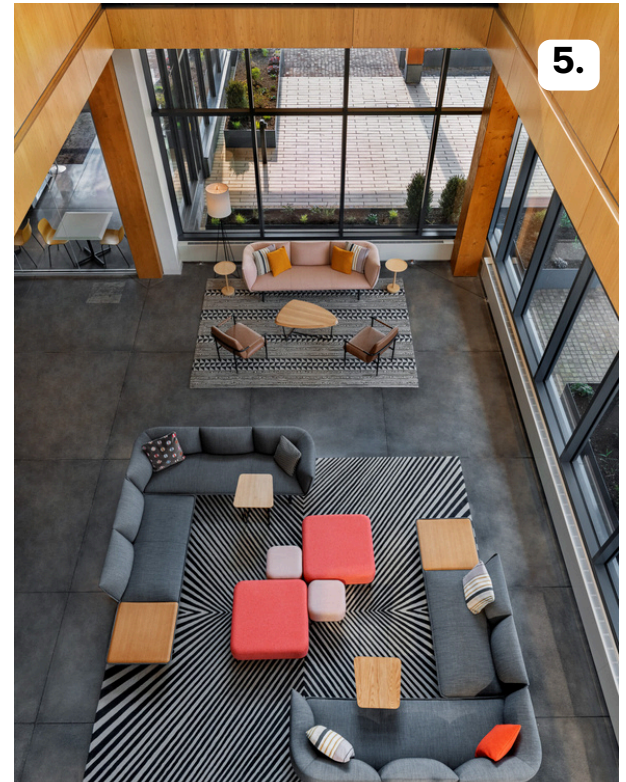
Submitting Firm: DLR Group



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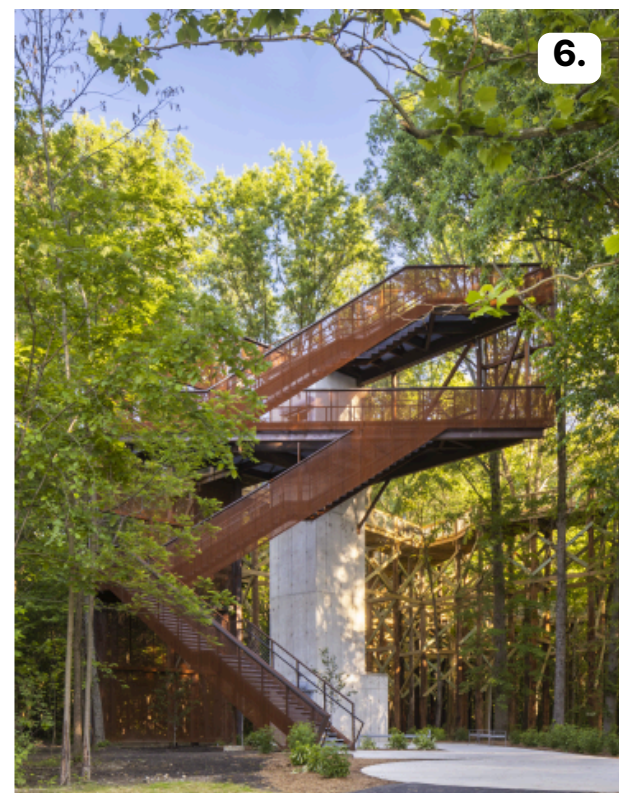
5. Cleveland Foundation

Honor Award for Interior Architecture
Submitting Firm: Vocon – Architecture,
Interior Design, Brand Design in
collaboration with S9 – Design Architecture



6. Blacklick Woods Canopy Walk Tower

Honor Award for Small Projects (Less
than 5,000 SF & under \$1.5 million)
Submitting Firm: Paros Architecture +
Design llc



7. Calhoun & Siddall Hall Student Live-Learn Community

Honor Award for Additions, Renovations
and Restorations
Submitting Firm: MSA Design



2025 Design Awards Merit Awards

1. Mid-Ohio Farm on the Hilltop

Merit Award for Newly Completed Buildings

Submitting Firm: [AECOM](#)



2. Global Impact STEM Academy, Upper Academy

Merit Award for Newly Completed Buildings

Submitting Firm: [WSA](#)



3. Fahrenheit

Merit Award for Interior Architecture

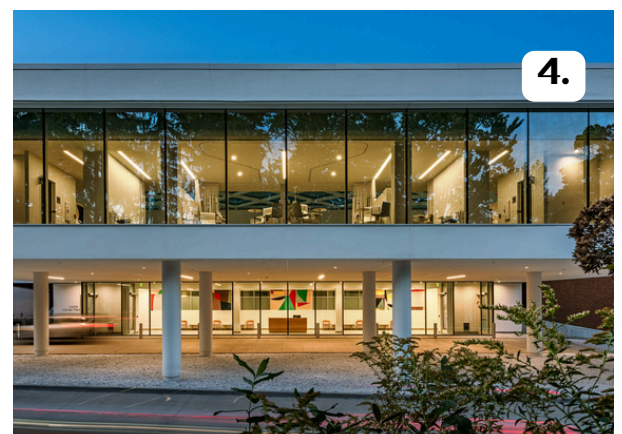
Submitting Firm: [Vocon](#)



4. Lozick Cancer Pavilion at Hillcrest Hospital

Merit Award for Additions, Renovations, & Restorations

Submitting Firm: Cleveland Clinic Buildings + Design (in Partnership with [Perspectus Architecture](#))



2025 Design Awards

Honorable Mention Awards

1. Astor Park Garage

Honorable Mention for Newly Completed Buildings

Submitting Firm: [Moody Nolan](#)



2. Ann & Thomas Hoaglin Wellness Center

Honorable Mention for Newly Completed Buildings

Submitting Firm: [The Collaborative](#)



DENISON UNIVERSITY
HOAGLIN WELLNESS CENTER

3. The Liberty Theater

Honorable Mention for Additions, Renovations, & Restorations

Submitting Firm: [drawing_dept](#)



2025 Design Awards

Honorable Mention Awards

4. Factory 52 US Playing Card Redevelopment

Honorable Mention for Additions,
Renovations, & Restorations

Submitting Firm: MSA Design

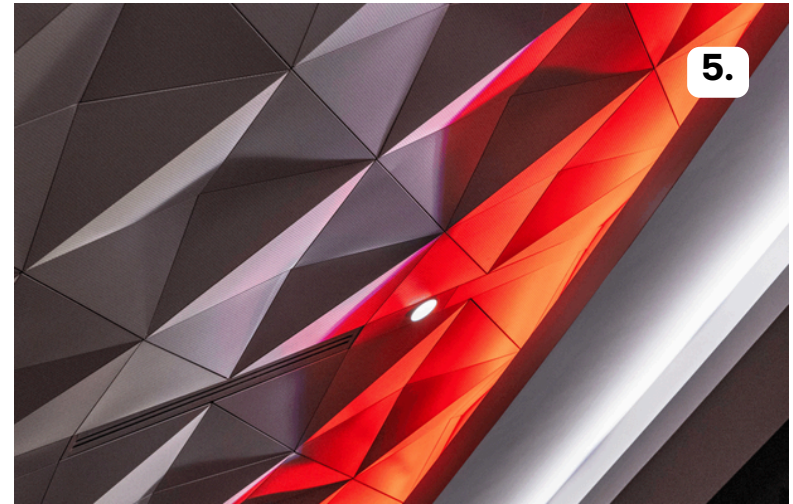


5. Cincinnati Bengals Locker Room Renovation, Paycor Stadium, Hamilton County

Honorable Mention for Interior Architecture

Submitting Firm: michael mcinturf

ARCHITECTS – Design Architect & MSA
Design – Architect of Record, Co-designer



6. The Grove Lodge

Honorable Mention for Small Projects
(Less than 5,000 SF & Under 1.5M):

Submitting Firm: Paros Architecture +
Design llc



2025 Design Awards

People's Choice Awards

1. Wellness Park Campus

People's Choice – 1st Place

Submitting Firm: [PMBA Architects](#)



2. The Cliffs

People's Choice – 2nd Place

Submitting Firm: [ArcFluence](#)



3. BeAligned Health

People's Choice – 3rd Place

Submitting Firm: [ArcFluence](#)



AIA Ohio Foundation Marr Citations

During the AIA Ohio Awards Celebration, the AIA Ohio Foundation recognized four individuals with the Charles Marr Citation. The Charles Marr Citation is given to an individual, component or firm who supports the Foundation with a cumulative donation of \$1000 or more.



Jake Miley, AIA
on behalf of AIA Toledo



Eric Pros, AIA
on behalf of AIA Ohio



Michael Ruscitti, AIA
on behalf of AIA Youngstown



Paul Shirley, AIA
on behalf of AIA Cincinnati

AIA Ohio Honor Awards



AIA Ohio Gold Medalist

Jonathan Barnes, FAIA



Mentor Award

Mark Diekmann, AIA



Public Service Award

Jeffrey Meyers, AIA



Emerging Professional Award

Hannah Ewwaraye, AIA

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