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President's Message

By Charlie Setterfield, AIA

As spring slowly unfolds across Ohio, I continue to be encouraged by the strength and momentum of our architectural community. In conversations with members around the state, one theme consistently stands out: architects are leaders who care deeply about their clients, their craft, and the communities they serve. I continue to be inspired by the talent, leadership, and commitment demonstrated by architects across Ohio every day.

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EPFF Announcement

The goal of the AIA Ohio Early Professional Friendly Firm program is to celebrate firms who offer exceptional support and opportunities for their early professionals. Additionally, the program seeks to foster a dialogue within firms across the state with the objective of creating new policies and practices that promote innovation, development, and progressive workplaces for the future members of the design profession.



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Problem Solving: The Profession's Struggle with Advocacy

By Bruce Sekanick, FAIA

Architecture has always been a profession grounded in service. We shape communities, protect public health, safety, and welfare, and create places that improve lives. We champion thoughtful design, sustainability, resilience, and energy efficiency because we understand that the built environment influences every aspect of society.

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AIA Columbus Update

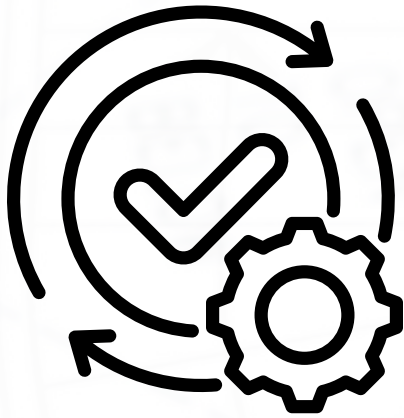
AIA Columbus and the AIA Columbus LGBTQIA+ Alliance invite members and the community to join two special Pride Month events this June in partnership with IIDA and NOMA Columbus.

The month begins with the 2026 Pride Model Exhibit Opening, June 5, 5-7 PM, at the Center for Architecture and Design, celebrating the creativity of local architects and designers. Building on last year's successful initiative, Columbus-area firms have been invited to create models inspired by the theme *Designing a More Inclusive Future*.



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Building Resilience | Strengthening Ohio's SAP Network

By Eric Pros, AIA

As architects, we are uniquely trained to evaluate buildings, understand risk, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. In the aftermath of a disaster, those skills become critically important. This year, I have the privilege of serving as the AIA Ohio Disaster Assistance Coordinator.

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AIA Ohio Honor Awards Program

There are five [AIA Ohio Honor Awards](#) which recognize Ohio's best and brightest architects and firms. Nominations can come from individuals or from local components. The deadline for each of these is July 1, 2026 – so there's plenty of time to put together a nomination packet. Consider an outstanding Ohio firm or architect that you know and plan to nominate them for an AIA Ohio Honor Award!

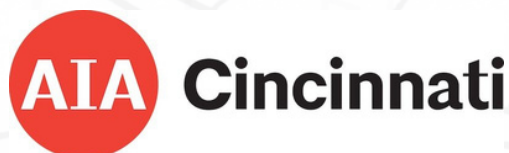
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AIA Cincinnati Update

Women in Architecture have a [May 15 social](#) to visit the Design LAB exhibit. The first [Architecture Matters panel](#) is May 20 at the Civic Garden Center. Registration is open for the June 17 [Golf Scramble](#).

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The Future of Architecture Begins Here

By Bruce Sekanick, FAIA

The future of architecture in Ohio is bright, and much of that optimism comes from the incredible, quiet, and behind the scenes work being done by the AIA Ohio Foundation. Through scholarships, student programs, grants, outreach, and partnerships, the Foundation continues to celebrate, encourage, and support the next generation of architects and the communities they will one day shape.

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HSDC Finalist Vying for AIA People's Choice Award

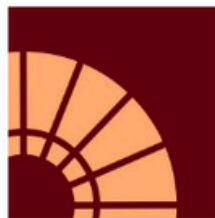
AIA has launched a national celebration of K-12 student design work, highlighting outstanding projects from across the country, including AIA Toledo's 2025 HSDC finalist Ilya Prytup. Join us in celebrating this achievement by voting for the People's Choice Award through June 13.

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AIA Ohio 2026 Awards Program Open for Submissions

The AIA Ohio Design Awards Program is open for submissions! Click here to begin: <https://www.aiaohio.org/design-awards/>. The deadline for submitting projects is July 1.

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