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## American Institute of Architects Elevates three TN architects to the College of Fellows

*Less than three percent of the architecture profession achieve AIA Fellowship.*

**Nashville, TN – March 12, 2024** – The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is elevating three AIA members from Tennessee to its prestigious College of Fellows, AIA’s highest membership honor, for their exceptional work and contributions to architecture and society.

The fellowship program was developed to elevate those architects who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession and made a significant contribution to architecture and society on a national level. Architects who have been elevated to fellowship can be identified by the designation FAIA after their name.

### **AIA Middle TN Members:**

#### **David Bailey, FAIA, HASTINGS Architecture**

David Bailey has dedicated his career to crafting architecture that integrates conceptually driven design, innovative environmental strategies, and contextual relevance that seeks a greater purpose in order to foster genuine connections amongst communities.

#### **Tara Myers, FAIA, ESa**

Tara Myers exemplifies the diverse roles architects play in shaping the world. Harnessing the power of collective impact, her servant leadership advances and educates the AEC industry while championing a collaborative, equitable, and healthy society.

### **AIA Chattanooga Member:**

#### **Tilman "Trey" Wheeler, FAIA, Tinker Ma**

Committed to the good of the public realm and the profession of architecture, Trey Wheeler has led the Institute through persistent advocacy, shaping policy and statute, and teaching others to work effectively to create change.

New fellows will be honored at the AIA Awards Gala, June 7, 2024, at the National Building Museum in Washington D.C. Learn more about fellowship on [AIA’s website](#). View more about the TN Fellows [here](#).

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### **ABOUT AIA**

Founded in 1857, AIA consistently works to create more valuable, healthy, secure, and sustainable buildings, neighborhoods, and communities. Through more than 200 international, state and local chapters, AIA advocates for public policies that promote economic vitality and public wellbeing.

AIA provides members with tools and resources to assist them in their careers and business as well as engaging civic and government leaders and the public to find solutions to pressing issues facing our communities, institutions, nation, and world. Members adhere to a code of ethics and conduct to ensure the highest professional standards.

**About AIA Tennessee**

AIA Tennessee, a state component of the American Institute of Architects, represents the interest of more than 1,600 members in Tennessee. AIA Tennessee's purpose is to advance the profession of architecture, engage the public and advocate for architects and the built environment.

**About AIA Middle TN**

AIA Middle Tennessee is the largest of the local chapters of the American Institute of Architects in Tennessee. It comprises over 900 architects, architectural associates on track for licensure, and allied industry members located in a 35-county region in Middle Tennessee. The mission of AIA Middle Tennessee is to serve and support our members and advance the profession of architecture.

**About AIA Chattanooga**

AIA Chattanooga is the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects, a national professional organization with more than 98,000 members. Organized in 1953, we serve members in the greater Chattanooga area, its surrounding counties, as well as Ringgold, GA.