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American Institute of Architects New York Elevates 10 Local Architects to the College of Fellows

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

NEW YORK, NY, March 4, 2024 — The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is elevating 10 AIA members from AIA New York 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.

In 2024, AIA received 218 applications for Fellowship, with 96 candidates being elevated. Among them are the following 10 newly elevated members from AIA New York:

Douglass Alligood, FAIA, NCARB, LEED AP, NOMA, Partner, BIG – Bjarke Ingels Group
Gina L. Bocra, FAIA, Chief Sustainability Officer, New York City Department of Buildings
Erleen K. Hatfield, FAIA, PE, F.ASCE, Managing Partner, Hatfield Group
Nicole A. Hollant-Denis, FAIA, NOMA, President, AARIS Design Architects
Hana Kassem, FAIA, NOMA, LEED, WELL AP, Principal, Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates
Jeffrey A. Kenoff, FAIA, Principal, Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates
Sameer Kumar, FAIA, Principal/Owner, Techne Architectural Design
Catherine Seavitt Nordenson, FAIA, FASLA, FAAR, Owner, Catherine Seavitt Studio
A. J. Tinson, FAIA, CEO, New York, Hart Howerton
R. John Woelfling, FAIA, LEED AP, CPHT, Principal, Dattner Architects

New fellows will be honored at the AIA Awards Gala, June 7, 2024, at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. Additionally, AIA New York will host a New Fellows reception to celebrate its elevated members on March 20, 2024, 6–8pm, at the Center for Architecture.

Learn more about fellowship [here](#).

**About AIA New York**

AIA New York is the oldest and largest chapter of the American Institute of Architects with more than 5,000 architect, allied professional, student, and public members interested in architecture and design. AIANY is dedicated to three goals: design excellence, public outreach, and professional development. aiany.org