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## American Institute of Architects Elevates 13 Architects from New York State to the College of Fellows



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

**NEW YORK, NY, February 13, 2025** — The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is elevating [13 AIA members from AIA New York State](#) 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 2025, AIA received 205 applications for Fellowship, with 93 candidates (83 member architects and 10 non-member architects) being elevated. Among them are the following 13 newly elevated members from AIA New York State:



**Graciela Carrillo Cifuentes, FAIA, LEED AP B+C**, Senior Manager, Facilities Services, Nassau BOCES

**James Crispino, FAIA, NCARB**, Principal and Global Health Sector Leader, Gensler

**Eric C. Y. Fang, FAIA, AICP, LEED AP**, Principal, Perkins Eastman

**Richard W. Hayes, FAIA**, Architect and Architectural Historian, Alexander Gorlin Architects

**Ali C. Höcek, FAIA**, Principal, AC Höcek Architecture

**Andrea D. Lamberti, FAIA**, Principal, Andrea Lamberti Architect

**Brian H. Messana, FAIA**, Co-founder, Brian Messana Architect

**Deborah Finkelstein Moelis, FAIA**, Principal, Handel Architects

**Derek A. Moore, FAIA**, Principal, Airports Practice Leader, Skidmore Owings & Merrill

**Joshua Ramus, FAIA**, Founding Principal, REX

**Mark J. Thaler, FAIA**, Education Leader, Studio Director, Principal, Gensler

**Georgeen A. Theodore, FAIA**, Principal and Co-founder, Interboro Partners

**Suchitra M. Reddy, FAIA**, Founding Principal, Reddy Architecture

New fellows will be honored at the AIA Awards Gala, June 5, 2025. Learn more about the fellowship on [AIA's website](#). Additionally, AIA New York will host a [New Fellows reception](#) to celebrate its elevated members on March 19, 2025, 6–8pm, at the Center for Architecture.

### **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](http://aiany.org)