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American Institute of Architects Elevates 8 Local Architects to the College of Fellows



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

NEW YORK, NY, February 10, 2026 — The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is elevating [8 AIA New York members](#) 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. Prospective candidates must have at least 10 years of AIA architect membership and demonstrated influence in at least one of the following areas:

- Promoted the aesthetic, scientific, and practical efficiency of the profession.
- Advanced the science and art of planning and building by advancing the standards of practice.



- Coordinated the building industry, and the profession of architecture.
- Ensured the advancement of the living standards of people through their improved environment.
- Dedicated oneself to a profession that continually grows in its service to society.
- Advanced the science and art of planning and building by advancing the standards of architectural education and training.

Among the 78 architects elevated in 2026 are the following 8 newly elevated members from AIA New York:

Paul Bauer, FAIA, LEED AP, Partner, Dattner Architects

Mimi Hoang, FAIA, NOMA, Co-Founding Partner, nArchitects

Giuseppe Joseph Lauro, FAIA, Managing Director and Principal, Gensler

Charles Portelli, FAIA, Senior Associate, Perkins&Will

Jordan Rogove, FAIA, LEED AP, SARA, Partner and Co-Founder, DXA Studio

Lissa So, FAIA, Founding Partner, Marvel

Douglas R. Stieve, FAIA, Senior Principal, Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.

Robert H. Young, FAIA, Founding Principal, Robert Young Architects

New Fellows will be honored at the [AIA Conference on Architecture \(AIA26\)](#) in San Diego on June 10–13, 2026. Additionally, AIA New York will host a [New Fellows reception](#) to celebrate its elevated members on March 17, 2026, 6–8pm, at the Center for Architecture.

Learn more about the fellowship on [AIA's website](#).

About AIA New York

Established in 1857, AIA New York is the oldest and largest chapter of the [American Institute of Architects \(AIA\)](#), serving as the collective voice of nearly 5,000 licensed architects, allied professionals, students, and design enthusiasts in New York City.

Inaugurated in 2003 as one of the AIA's first cultural institutions, the [Center for Architecture](#) engages local and international audiences with the value, impact, and wonder of architecture. Together, we advance the value and practice of architecture to promote just and sustainable communities.

Both AIA New York and the Center for Architecture advocate for the importance of design in enhancing urban life, offering programming that fosters engagement among architects, professionals, and the public. We prioritize values such as civic engagement, equity, environmental sustainability, resiliency, technological innovation, and inspiring design.