



AIA
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AIA Kansas City **Year in** **Review** **2020**

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Letter from the Executive Director

Well, THAT was interesting.

A year filled with unprecedented

disruption-
challenges-
disappointment-
setbacks-

blur-
heartbreak
virtual-
loss-

division
reckoning
systemic...

...hard to settle on the right words to describe 2020. We all added some new words and phrases to our vocabulary last year, and there are some that I'm sure we'd all like to banish for good.



All kidding aside, we faced a lot last year in our personal and professional lives. As a chapter, AIA Kansas City was no different. But with every moment and challenge that confronted us, we tackled it and made positive forward motion time and time again. We never once considered throwing in the towel and turning off the lights in 2020.

That's what we expected of ourselves, as staff and board leaders, and I believe it's what you expected of us, as a member of this organization. Did we meet your expectations? Did we deliver meaningful value, service, and support for you last year?

This annual report is a way to encapsulate and reflect. I do hope you'll take a few minutes to read what we experienced and what we provided to our members and stakeholders in 2020.

As with any year, there is a lot to be proud of in this report. I say with confidence that our chapter's accomplishments in 2020 reflect a strong commitment to excellence that we have forged over the past decade. The things that we typically measure – attendance at events, membership totals, CEU sessions, interactions with civic leaders – are all there. We had to cancel a few things, but we replaced them with other worthwhile opportunities. We didn't travel after February, but we attended events around the country virtually. We were called to step outside our familiar environment and address deeply rooted problems in our society, and we did so with empathy and integrity.

I certainly hope we don't face another year like 2020 anytime soon, but if we do, I know AIA Kansas City is equipped to handle it and emerge stronger.

Onward,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn Taylor". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D".

Mission

In continuous operation since 1890, AIA Kansas City supports its members, advances the value of the architecture profession, and improves the quality of the built environment

A background image showing a large, modern interior space with a high ceiling, glass railings, and people gathered for an event. The space is well-lit with warm ambient lighting and track lighting. People are seen in the foreground and background, some standing and talking, others walking. The overall atmosphere is professional and social.

AIA KANSAS CITY BY THE NUMBERS

AIA Kansas City is part of the national network of over 200 AIA chapters representing over 95,000 architects.

1,179

AIA Kansas City **members**
strong

28

members became
registered architects

56

events hosted

3,568

registrations for all
AIA Kansas City events

29

education credits were
offered

76

AIA Kansas City
Member Firms

129

**Cornerstone Partners,
Professional Affiliates, and
event sponsors** supported
AIA Kansas City

**MEMBERSHIP
BY THE NUMBERS**

17th

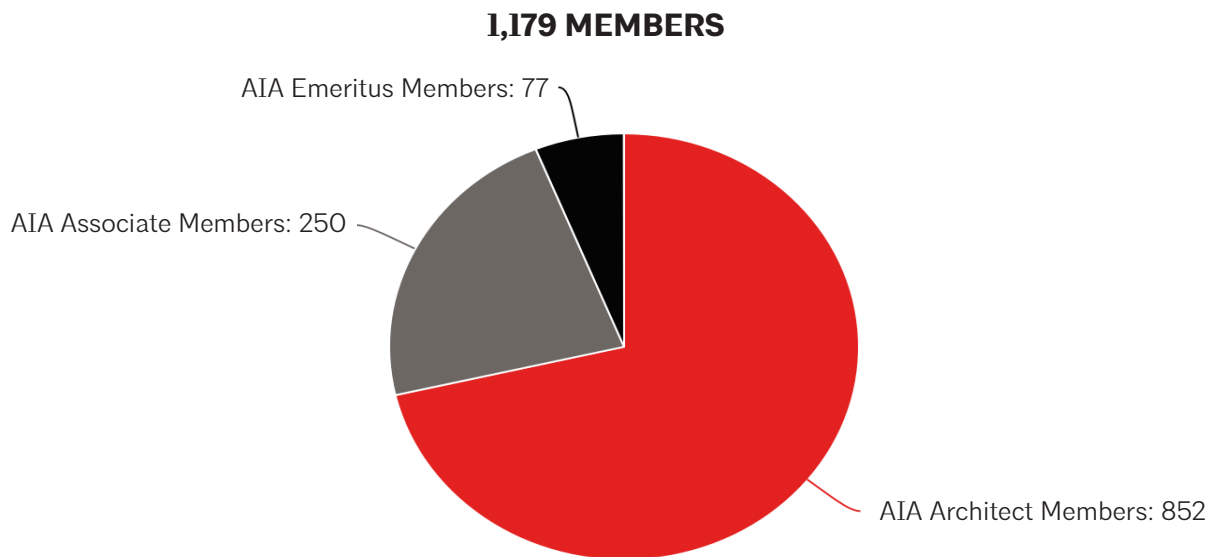
largest local chapter in the world

32%

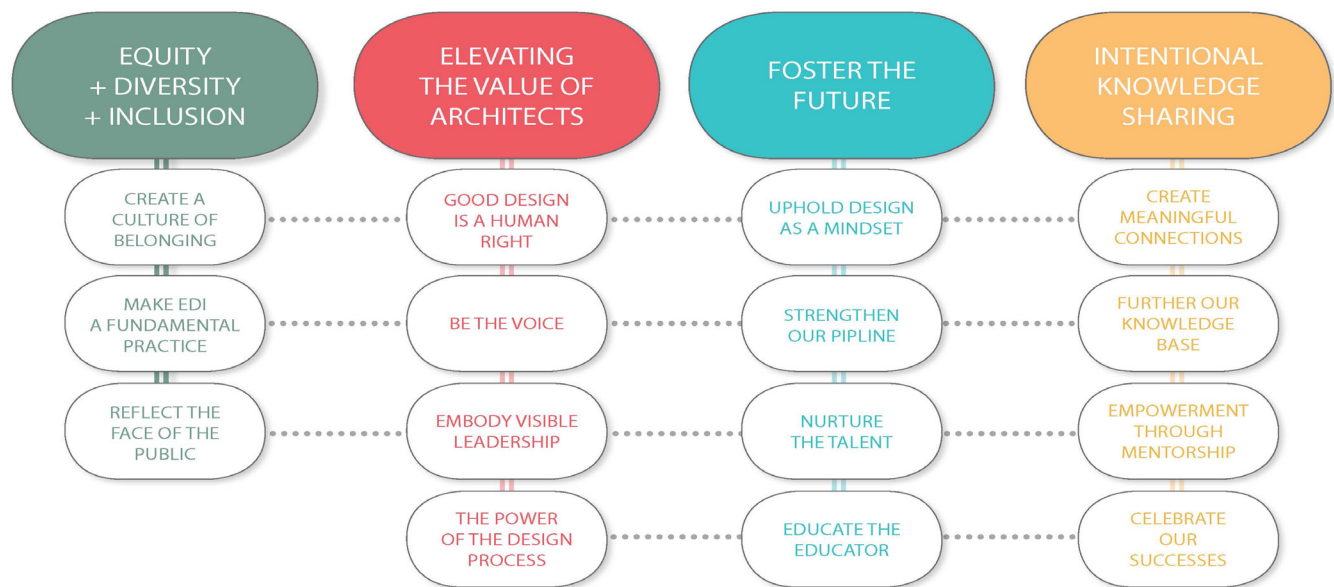
membership increase since 2010

Membership

AIA Kansas City's first priority is our members. We serve a variety of career stages, interest areas, and needs with our member benefits and services.



Strategic Plan



Initiatives in the 5-year Strategic Plan launched in 2020 will continue on as planned for 2021. This plan focuses on four priorities and strives to answer the challenges presented:

ELEVATING THE VALUE OF ARCHITECTS

For centuries, architecture has had a profound impact on the public realm. But how will the profession of architecture manifest in 20 or 30 years? Will online marketplaces sell pre-fabricated buildings created by fully integrated technology, manufacturing, and construction companies? Will virtual reality allow us to work or congregate in unbuilt spaces, reducing the need for the physical public places that make up our cities today? Will public trust in our profession and reliance upon our expertise wane, as some predict?

The architect's future will most likely include realities we do not currently imagine. However, the only one certainty is our profession will change. Just as similar professions have experienced in recent years, the quickening pace of technology and market innovations combined with the evolution of social and cultural trends will assist in the rapid evolution of the architectural practice landscape.

FOSTER THE FUTURE

To be successful, the profession needs a continuous pipeline and retention of the next generation of architects. Sustainability in any organization means building interest and relevance in their community while fostering future membership and leadership. The challenge is forecasting optimal ways to feed the pipeline. What are the needs of the next generation? How will they impact and inform the evolution of the profession?

INTENTIONAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING

AIA Kansas City has a responsibility to provide programmed learning, opportunities for personal growth, and a sense of belonging. The importance of this issue cannot be understated. It is through these avenues that AIA Kansas City is in a prime, unique position to increase knowledge sharing across the profession.

EQUITY + DIVERSITY + INCLUSION

AIA Kansas City believes that our profession and our larger A/E/C industry are enriched by the creative power of diverse opinions, equitable practices, and inclusive firm cultures. Our chapter will deliver tools and resources that our members will use to build an empowered workforce, where everyone is valued and has equal access to prosperity. The time is now, and the opportunities are at hand to establish solid EDI practices that reflect our future workforce.

Recognizing Excellence

DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARDS

In 2020, AIA Kansas City continued to recognize outstanding projects that showcase our Member Firms through our annual Design Excellence Awards. This year's awards jury included Michael Hsu, AIA, Tenna Florian, AIA, and Miguel Rivera, FAIA. We had an impressive 103 entries and presented awards to 23 projects. The October 22nd event was online this year with over 700 views.

We would like to congratulate all of the 2020 Awards recipients.

PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Barbara A. Marshall Hall & Wylie Dining Center

Architect: Helix Architecture + Design and Christopher Carvell Architects
Owner: Kansas City Art Institute

ARCHITECTURE SMALL: HONOR

Ozark Ecology Center

Architect: BNIM
Owner: Missouri State University

ARCHITECTURE MEDIUM: HONOR

Palomar College Maintenance and Operations Complex

Architect: BNIM
Owner: Palomar College

ARCHITECTURE MEDIUM: MERIT

Pendleton ArtsBlock

Architect: Dake Wells Architecture
Owner: Pendleton ArtsBlock, LLC

ARCHITECTURE XSMALL: MERIT

Volland House No. 1

Architect: Design + Make Studio and el dorado inc
Owner: Patty Reece

ARCHITECTURE SMALL: MERIT

Terraced House

Architect: Hufft
Owner: Matt and Samantha Ray

ARCHITECTURE MEDIUM: MERIT

Paul and Linda DeBruce Hall

Architect: Hufft
Owner: Kansas City Art Institute

ARCHITECTURE LARGE: MERIT

Canopy Hotel Minneapolis Mill District

Architect: DLR Group
Owner: Sherman Associates

ARCHITECTURE LARGE: MERIT

The Hub

Architect: Gould Evans

ARCHITECTURE XLARGE: MERIT

Marcato

Architect: DRAW Architecture + Urban Design
Owner: Milhaus Development

ARCHITECTURE MEDIUM: CITATION

Olathe Indian Creek Library

Architect: Gould Evans and Group 4 Architecture
Owner: Olathe Public Library

ARCHITECTURE MEDIUM: CITATION

Charlotte Street Foundation

Architect: Hufft
Owner: Charlotte Street Foundation

ARCHITECTURE LARGE: CITATION

Impact Field

Architect: AECOM
Owner: Village of Rosemont

ARCHITECTURE XLARGE: CITATION

Wellness and Event Center

Architect: AECOM
Owner: New Jersey Institute of Technology

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE: HONOR

BlakeSt.

Architect: Hufft and FÖDA
Owner: Ropeswing Group

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE: MERIT

Chicago Bears Halas Hall Renovation and Addition

Architect: HOK | Kansas City
Owner: Chicago Bears

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE: CITATION

Free State High School Renovation and Addition

Architect: Gould Evans
Owner: Lawrence Unified School District 497

DIVINE DETAIL: MERIT

Saint James Chapel

Architect: SFS Architecture
Owner: Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph/St. James Catholic Parish

DIVINE DETAIL: MERIT

Hobbs State Park Trailhead

Architect: Hufft
Owner: Arkansas State Parks

CONCEPT: HONOR

898 DU/Acre

Architect: Design + Make Studio
Owner: Diane Botwin

CONCEPT: MERIT

Teamakers Guest House

Architect: SFS Architecture
Owner: Bee Breaders Design Competition, Ozolini Teamakers

CONCEPT: CITATION

VA Fort Harrison | Outpatient Mental Health Center

Architect: Hoefer Wysocki
Owner: US Department of Veterans Affairs

PROFESSIONALS' CHOICE

J. Rieger & Co Distillery and Event Space

Architect: GastingerWalker&
Owner: Andy Rieger

Recognizing Excellence

AIA KANSAS CITY BOARD AWARDS

We took special note this year of our members and others who inspired us with their leadership, compassion, agility, and relevance. We congratulate the 2020 AIA Kansas City Board Award winners, who were recognized at our annual Holiday Party on December 9 for the impact they had in our community this year:



ARCHITECT AWARD

Tim Cahill, FAIA



CHAPTER VOLUNTEER AWARD

Jake Brannon, Associate AIA



FIRM AWARD

GastingerWalker&



PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Kansas City Art Institute



EMERGING PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Ellen Hailey, AIA



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Urban Neighborhood Initiative &
KC Chamber for the
Being Black in KC Listening Series

Committees & Programs



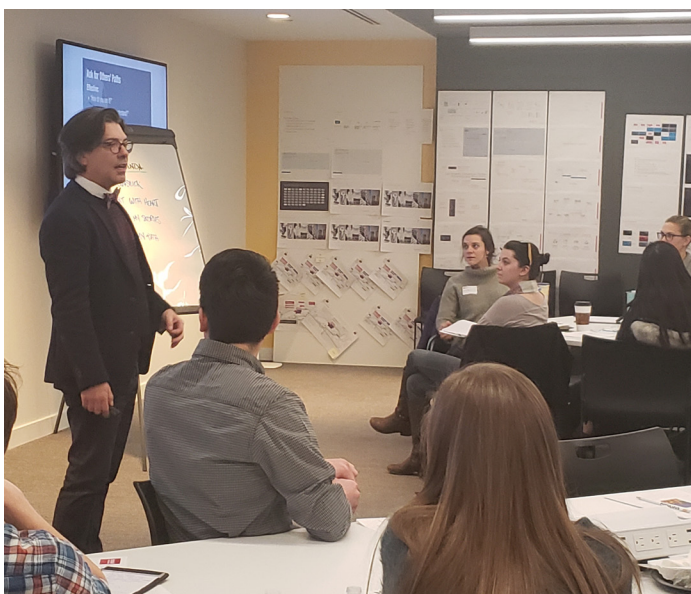
ADVOCACY

Our Advocacy Committee held its virtual City Hall Day this month, meeting with Councilmembers from 5 of the 6 Districts in Kansas City, MO. The committee plans to make this an annual event.



ARE SUCCESS TEAM

This is the sixth year of this program. These teams are supportive small groups of Associates who commit to taking all sections of the ARE in a 12 month period. In 2020, there were 15 members in the program.



DESIGN U.

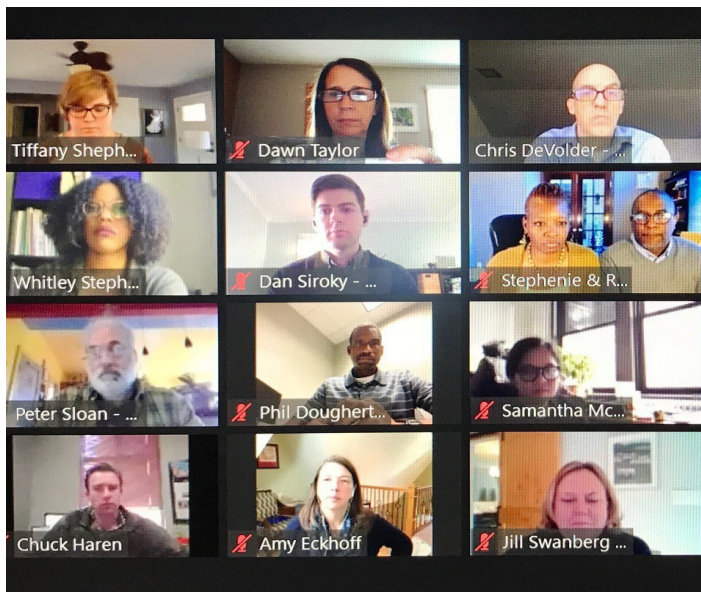
DESIGN U. continued to provide professional development for early professionals in 2020. The first four-part series completed in January. We offered an additional course virtually in July on Tapping the Power of Your Presence.



EDUCATION OUTREACH

This year's Outreach group led one in-person school program and participated in a virtual program with Urban TEC. The other big focus of the year was teaming with NOMA KC to create content for a guide to careers in architecture book, which will be completed in 2021.

Committees & Programs



EQUITY IN ARCHITECTURE

Equity in Architecture planned and hosted the second Equity Symposium: The Work Continues. This virtual event featured an incredible panel, and participants utilized small breakout rooms for more focused conversations.



PILLARS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Pillars Leadership Program continues to prepare emerging leaders as it completed its 14th year in 2020 with 15 graduates. The program also selected 16 participants for its 2020-2021 class. To date, 214 participants have graduated from the program.



WOMEN IN DESIGN

This committee provided mentorship, support, and advocacy for women in the profession by continuing the Women in Leadership Series, hosting a day of shadowing for high schoolers, and helping coordinate and volunteer for the seventh Girl Scouts Cookie Construction.



YOUNG ARCHITECTS FORUM

YAF supported and engaged our early-career members by offering 13 ARE Study Sessions, downtown scavenger hunts, and the second year of the revamped Monsters of Design Program. YAF also designed, put together, and delivered 40 New Grad Care Packages.

New Programs

A/E/C INSIGHTS

AIA Kansas City collaborated with The Builders' Association and AGC Kansas City to provide programming on jobsite safety and economic forecasting. These events featured industry leaders from each organization bringing critical conversations to our members.

- **May 21:** How to Navigate Construction Administration Through Covid-19
- **December 3:** Our Industry's Economic Forecast

A/E/C INSIGHTS BY THE NUMBERS

300+

registrations from the A/E/C industry

3

organizations providing great member programming.



WARM UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

AIA Kansas City invited our members to a special drive-by treat this December. Warm Up for the Holidays! was a chance for members to say hello, get a warm drink and treat, grab a gift from AIA Kansas City, and donate food to Harvesters all without leaving their car.

PGAV and Hoefer Wysocki were gracious enough to coordinate spaces in their parking lots for the events.

AIA Kansas City hopes to continue this event in 2021.

WARM UP BY THE NUMBERS

2

events offered to AIA Kansas City members.

10

large boxes of food donated to Harvesters.

Signature Programs

AIA Kansas City pivoted its signature fall events this year to deliver safely online. The response to each event exceeded our expectations!



BIG NIGHT

1000+ reaches on Facebook | 4 board members elected | newly installed Board



DESIGN AWARDS

700+ views on YouTube and Vimeo | 23 projects awarded | Texas-based jury



HOLIDAY PARTY

175+ views on YouTube | 6 Board Awards delivered | celebrated a successful year



COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS

100+ attendees | only 1 LIVE event this year held before Covid-19

Additional Initiatives

AIA Kansas City collaborates and partners with other organizations and AIA at state, regional, and national levels.

AIA NATIONAL

- Attended Grassroots in New Orleans in February
 - Coordinated Mayor Quinton Lucas to speak to this national gathering.
 - Executive Director Dawn Taylor presented at this event.
- Attended the Big Sibbs virtual annual meeting

CENTRAL STATES REGION

- AIA Kansas City provides administrative support for CSR (meetings, rosters, voting, communication, accounting)
- AIA Kansas City member, Laura Lesniewski, AIA, completed her three-year term as the CSR representative to the Strategic Council
- AIA Kansas City member, Neal Angrisano, AIA, was elected to serve as our next CSR representative to the Strategic Council

AIA MISSOURI

- AIA Kansas City has six representatives serving on the AIA Missouri Board

BLACK LIVES MATTER STREET MURALS



AIA Kansas City teamed up with Center for Architecture & Design and NOMA KC to coordinate the installation of 6 Black Lives Matter street murals around the Kansas City metro.

These murals were installed by 50 of our members and other design professionals in September.



Additional Initiatives

CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

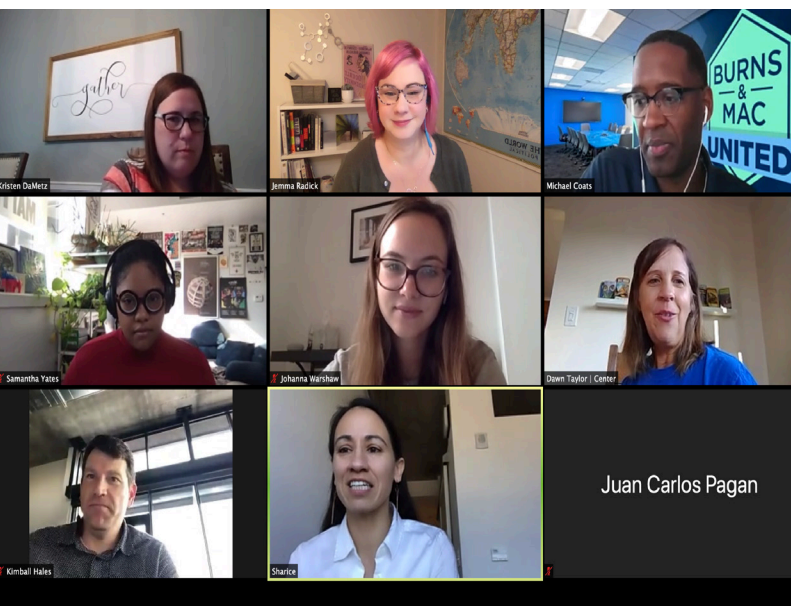
- Launched the first Raise Your Voice poster competition to encourage voting in the metro area.
 - Over 30 submissions were entered.
 - The jury included: Congresswoman Sharice Davids, Juan Carlos Pagan, Samantha Yates, Chris Hernandez, and Michael Coats.
 - 5 designers were awarded.
- Volunteered with AIA Kansas City and NOMA KC to install 6 Black Lives Matter street murals around the metro.

KANSAS CITY ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION

- Since 2002, Kansas City Architectural Foundation has given 141 scholarships to 88 unique individuals. Scholarship funding totals \$380,500.
- In 2020, 9 scholarships were awarded, totaling \$35,500. Scholarship amounts ranged from \$3,000 to \$5,500.

AROUND THE METRO

- Coordinated the 7th Girl Scout Cookie Construction in early March. There were 6 teams, 27 volunteers, and 62 Girl Scouts that participated.
- AIA Kansas City supported the KCMO Building and Rehabilitation Code updates.
- Advocated for mask wearing by signing a letter sponsored by the KC Chamber along with other Member firms and stakeholders.
- Co-presented a Rem Koolhaas documentary with The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in February.
- Participated in Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts' Future Stages program with our new Architecture Bingo game for their online event.
- Placed AIA Kansas City members on area civic, municipal, and nonprofit boards, commissions, planning groups.



RAISE YOUR VOICE



KCAF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

2020 Cornerstone Partners

Our Cornerstone Partners allow AIA Kansas City to present high-quality programming, grow our advocacy reach, and continue expanding our impact in the metro area. AIA Kansas City appreciates their continued support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

** Cornerstone Partners with 10+ years of loyalty*

GOLD LEVEL || \$7,500

Alistair Tutton Photography *
JE Dunn Construction *

BRONZE LEVEL || \$2,500

A.L. Huber General Contractors *
Apex Engineers
ATG
Bob D. Campbell & Co. *
BSE Structural Engineers
Centric *
Control Service Company
Coreslab Structures
Crossland Construction Company
Dialectic Engineering
Harvest AV Solutions
Henderson Engineers *
Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects
Holmes Murphy
Krudwig Structural Engineers
Lankford | Fendler + associates
Leigh + O'Kane
McCownGordon Construction *
Pearce Construction
Polsinelli *
Seiler Instrument Company *
SMACNA - Kansas City *
Smith & Boucher Engineers *
Structural Engineering Associates
The Builders' Association
Thornton Tomasetti *
Turner Construction *
Wallace Engineering *
Walter P Moore *

SILVER LEVEL || \$5,000

Lockton *
Wallace Saunders

RED RIBBON LEVEL || \$1,000

Aerotek
BHC Rhodes
Country Home Elevator
Custom Engineering
Drexel Technologies *
Hoss & Brown Engineers
House of Rocks
IMA, Inc.
Kaw Valley Engineering, Inc. *
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Kissick Construction
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Roof Top Sedums
Schlagel Associates
Spire
Star Signs
Straub Construction *
U.S. CAD *



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