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2025 AIA Fellowship

Candidate Christopher Meyers
Organization Meyers + Associates Architecture
Location Columbus, Ohio
Chapter AIA Ohio; AIA Columbus

Category of Nomination

Object 2 (Practice Management, Technical Advancement) > Practice (Management)

Summary Statement

Through engaged mentorship and an enriching firm culture, Christopher Meyers, AIA has established a visionary, multi-disciplinary national practice model that sparks community activism among emerging professionals, accelerates access to licensure, and creates lasting design impact.

Education

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio-1994 B.S. in Architecture
The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio-1996 Master of Architecture
The Architectural Association, London U.K.-1996 Extension Studies Program Certificate
Harvard University GSD, Cambridge, Mass.-2020 Executive Education Program Certificate

Licensed in:

Ohio
New York
Michigan
Indiana
Georgia
Tennessee
Florida
Kansas
Colorado
Wisconsin
Virginia
North Carolina
Hawaii
Washington
Minnesota
Mississippi
Pennsylvania
New Mexico
Illinois
Kentucky
Connecticut
Texas
Nevada

South Carolina

Arizona

New Jersey

Delaware

Rhode Island

Louisiana

Missouri

Employment

Meyers+Associates Architecture

Columbus, Ohio

Principal Architect and Founding Owner

1999 – present

Wandel and Schnell Architects

Columbus, Ohio

Architect and Project Manager

1996 – 1999

Jonathan Barnes, FAIA Architecture and Design

Columbus, Ohio

Project Manager

1994-1996

OCEAN Studio

London, UK

Design Associate

1996

The Columbus Neighborhood Design Assistance Center

Columbus, Ohio

Architectural Student intern

1991-1994

Dear Chair D'Silva

CARL D'SILVA, FAIA
CHAIR, AIA COLLEGE OF
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RE: CHRISTOPHER
MEYERS, AIA; 2025
FELLOWSHIP
NOMINATION

It is my distinct honor to nominate Christopher Meyers, AIA for elevation to the American Institute of Architects College of Fellows. Chris and I have known one another since he graduated and began his career at the firm I now lead. As a colleague, Chris was a passionate champion of the profession, and his energy was contagious. He naturally elevated the team dynamic and was always eager to take on more responsibility and leadership early in his career. With our blessing and encouragement, Chris departed to start his own firm...in large part because he wanted to create a vibrant and nurturing environment for a new generation of emerging talent. Since, I have watched Chris advance practice in our city and beyond, remaining steadfast in his commitment to the profession, emerging talent, and architecture students.

Chris has dedicated his career to the development of a future-facing design-oriented practice informed through interaction with a diverse set of stakeholders and constituent groups. He is compassionate, rewards talent, mentors, and creates an environment where careers thrive. Firmwide programs immerse emerging professionals in community engagement, connect them directly to user groups, and help them understand the impact of their work well beyond the building. In 2023, AIA Ohio recognized Meyers & Associates with the Gold Medal Firm award, the highest honor bestowed on an architecture firm, citing the nurturing firm culture as a model of practice excellence.

Outside of private practice, Chris has been a dedicated servant leader to the profession in the public realm. He consistently champions diverse pathways to licensure at the state and national level through his leadership of the Ohio Architects Board and participation on NCARB committees. He helps government officials understand the potential of a more impactful, relevant, and effective profession, and his leadership has effectively shifted public policy, for the better. At the Knowlton School of Architecture, Chris serves on the Alumni Board where his experience and engagement shapes and advances architectural pedagogy. While he has served as an advisor, the architecture program has become more interdisciplinary, student populations have diversified, and cultural experience programs have expanded exponentially.

The architectural profession is at a precipice. Faced with extraordinary environmental and social crises, an entire generation of architects must be prepped to meet the challenge, stepping forward to transform entire communities. Chris' practice model provides an immersive, rich experience for emerging professionals, and amplifies their design impact. He has consistently shared this model, influenced licensure policy, and influenced architectural education. For these reasons and many more, I strongly encourage you to elevate Christopher Meyers, AIA to Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

Yours very truly,



TIMOTHY C. HAWK, FAIA; PRESIDENT

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WSA STUDIO; 982 S FRONT STREET; COLUMBUS, OH 43206

1: SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS



Through engaged mentorship and an enriching firm culture, Christopher Meyers, AIA has established a visionary, multi-disciplinary national practice model that sparks community activism among emerging professionals, accelerates access to licensure, and creates lasting design impact.

MENTORSHIP FOCUSED PRACTICE

Through his multi-disciplinary convergent practice, Meyers is recognized as a national leader in his promotion and innovative use of mentorship techniques and programs.

His broad reach to emerging professionals through varied methods has positively shaped the profession.

Through his leadership he has shaped a culture that encourages architect participation in community focused, charitable and volunteer interests. These innovative engagements have created a rippled impact, aiding a multitude of organizations and communities and by highlighting the importance of service through practice to young architects.

Meyers and his practice have been recognized as models to emulate in architecture and related professions. He has led mentorship in practice initiatives and presentations nationally through AIA, NCARB, ULI and countless civic groups, and has caused a renewed value in engaged mentor driven leadership.

Meyers has been sought out within the profession but also by a wide range of parallel industries to guide mentorship programs in practice that foster stronger engagements advancing emerging professionals on a national scale.

For this impact, Meyers was recognized by The AIA of Ohio as The Mentor of the Year. He also received distinction by Architect Magazine as a Top 50 firm for his model of practice and his mentorship initiatives nationally.

BUILDING COMMUNITY ACTIVISM

As an architect servant leader for community focused non-profit organizations, Meyers uses architecture to create meaningful benefits supporting those in need. He guides his team of mentees through his mentorship process creating a renewed effort for architects to serve others with stewardship, providing their time and much sought after talents.

He exemplifies community service as an empathetic role model architect. Through his wide array of pro bono design services he represents how one can support community focused organizations through practice on local, regional and national levels.

INCREASING ACCESS TO LICENSURE

Through a unique variety of leadership roles, Meyers mentors and guides professionals, academic, and charitable boards to successful results.

Honored with appointments by two different Ohio Governors, In his two terms and as President of The Ohio Board of Architects Meyers has worked with the AIA, NCARB and State Legislatures to implement significant licensing initiatives to promote and encourage architectural registration with emerging professionals. In addition, Meyers has led engagement efforts with the five collegiate architecture programs in Ohio, resulting in elevating the registration rates in Ohio by 21%.

Meyers has assisted hundreds of aspiring architects and personally advised over sixty emerging professionals to achieve registration as practicing architects with a testing success rate of over 90%.

Because of his impact, Meyers was appointed by the NCARB Board to lead national efforts of the Futures Collaborative, a think tank for progressive leadership to develop innovative approaches to practice management and promoting mentored architectural registration amongst young professionals and students considering the profession engaging at various levels in their professional discernment.

RESULTS DRIVEN DESIGN

Through his Mentorship Focused Practice, Meyers has leveraged his entire team to create solutions to challenges in a wide range of diverse project types, under his guidance the firm transforms institutions, organizations and communities through his model process of engagement, driving results and creating a lasting design impact.

He is sought out by communities and organizations nationally to develop projects that create a lasting impact. With national and regional recognition for positive results on the community, Meyers projects exemplify the transformative potential of architecture through a mentorship focused practice management system.

Results Driven Design includes both the advancement of the emerging professionals through design rich experiences and also results felt deeply in the success of a variety of communities served.

These efforts have been recognized through multiple civic accolades, AIA Honor Awards for particular projects and also notably with Meyers receipt of the 2023 AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm Award.

2: ACCOMPLISHMENTS



600 BROADWAY
SoHo, New York | 2010
Design Lead | Principal in Charge

A complete restoration of a 120 year old Cast Iron Historic building at the gateway to the SoHo district of New York City. The project included a 38,000 square foot flagship retail store for the thriving Hollister brand.

Retail Environments Design Award
Urban Land Institute Award of Distinction
Citation for 600 Broadway, Landmarks NYC
AIA Columbus Honor Award



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Harvard University GSD, Cambridge, Mass.
2020 Executive Education Program

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS

Architect registration in the following states:

Ohio	New York	Michigan
Indiana	Georgia	Tennessee
Florida	Kansas	Colorado
Wisconsin	Virginia	North Carolina
Hawaii	Washington	Minnesota
Mississippi	Pennsylvania	New Mexico
Illinois	Kentucky	Connecticut
Texas	Nevada	South Carolina
Arizona	New Jersey	Delaware
Rhode Island	Louisiana	Missouri

NCARB certification

USGBC, LEED Accredited Professional

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The American Institute of Architects

1996 – present

National Council of Architect Registration Boards

1996 – present

The United States Green Building Council

1999 – present

The Urban Land Institute

2014 – present

The Construction Specifications Institute

2002 – present

National Organization of Minority Architects

2022 - present

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The Ohio State University

The Knowlton School of Architecture

Columbus, Ohio
2005 - 2008 Adjunct Faculty 4th year design studio
2005-present Visiting lecturer, Studio design critic

Columbus State Community College

Columbus, Ohio
2001 - 2007 Adjunct Faculty for Design fundamental studio and Professional practice classes.

LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

The American Institute of Architects

1996 – present

Young Architects Forum Chair
Columbus Chapter Committee Director
Emerging Professionals Committee Advisor

Mentor Advisor program leader
ARCHways program Member

Center for Architecture and Design Advisor
Ohio Leadership Council

EO, The Entrepreneur Organization

2000 – present

Forum Chair and Regional Leadership Team

Young Professionals Advisory Council Member

The Knowlton School of Architecture

The Ohio State University, Columbus Ohio
2006 – present
Alumni Advisory Board Member
Capital Campaign Committee Member
Office Associateship Program Leader
Mentorship Program Chair

The City of Powell, Ohio

2008 – 2018
Architect Advisor to City Council, Planning Commission and Historic Resource Board

Columbus State Community College

2002 – 2010
Advisory Board Member

St. Michael School, Worthington, Ohio

2004 – present
School Advisory Board Vice Chair
Finance Council Board Member
Facilities and Grounds Chair

Damascus Catholic Youth Summer Camp

Centerville, Ohio
2013 – present
Vice Chair of The National Board of Directors

National Council of Architect Registration Boards

2014 – present
Committee Leader for The Futures Collaborative
Committee member for DEI Initiatives team
Region 4 advisory team
Advisory team to The National Board on AXP and mentorship in practice to advance professional registration initiatives

The State of Ohio

2014 – present
Two term member of The Ohio Board of Architects serving in leadership roles as Board President, Vice President, and Secretary.

Governors Advisory Council on Professional Practices in The State of Ohio



KINSALE GOLF AND FITNESS

2004 | Powell, Ohio

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Modeled after the classic, turn-of-the-century American golf club. The building serves as the focal point in 1,600 home community.

Clubhouse of the Year, Golf Digest



CARLYLES WATCH

2007 | Columbus, Ohio

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Designed for innovation with automated parking and modular frame design for maximizing efficiency and utilization of the dense urban site.

Columbus Business First Innovation in Architecture Award, LEED certified



PINNACLE COMMUNITY

2006 | Grove City, Ohio

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

The community center, reflecting the site's farm history, offers diverse amenities for 2,000 residents. The design team developed a modern vernacular rooted in crafted details.



HOTEL SMALLMAN STREET

2017 | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Adjacent to the Pittsburgh Convention Center, this gateway building to the vibrant Strip District enhances the rich urban environment.

Marriott Hotel of the Year, LEED Certification



QUARRY TRAILS METRO PARK COMMUNITY

2024 | Columbus, Ohio

Design Lead, Co Principal-in-Charge

Quarry Trails is a community among a natural, unmanicured Metro Park. The Metro Park is the defining feature and amenity for residents and guests of the community. The project team was mentored through the process of designing buildings immersed in a unique natural setting and within the process requirements of a public private partnership which serves a varied community.

Business First Columbus Builds Awards Development of the Year



199 SOUTH FIFTH STREET

2012 | Columbus, Ohio

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

The design team advanced an innovative conversion of parking garage to 27 residential units revitalizing a struggling urban context.

[LEED Certified](#)



TURQUESA COMMUNITY

2024 | Santa Fe, New Mexico

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

200 housing units and living amenities for a struggling area seeking an identity and means to build community. The project is organized around minimal environmental impact.



DEERING BAY COMMUNITY

2023 | Coral Gables, Florida

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Navigating a complex approval process the design team developed a strategy to enhance a tired historic community building to serve as a gathering destination for 400 families.



PINETOP COMMUNITY

2023 | White Mountain, Arizona

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

In a remote mountain community, the project adds new amenities with a focus to bring people together maximizing an integration to the majestic views available on site.



KNOLLWOOD COMMUNITY

2024 | White Plains, New York

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Adapting a historic golf clubhouse to provide modern amenities and preservation techniques to revitalize a significant building within the community.



THE AVENUE

2019 | Columbus, Ohio

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Developing a brownfield highway adjacent site for housing community rooted in prompting social interaction and activity for the 400 units with a wide range of resident demographics.



ARNOLD PALMER HOTEL

2012 | Latrobe, Pennsylvania

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Hotel and memorabilia gallery for the golf legend sparking a revitalization and growth of the Latrobe community.

[Hotel of the Year, Marriott Hotels](#)
[LEED Certified](#)



HOTEL TENNESSEE

2024 | Memphis, Tennessee

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Modernization of a 1927 hotel, adding new social gathering opportunities including, a blues musical venue, cafe and gallery to engage with the context and rich diversity of the area.

**WEST BAY COMMUNITY**

2021 | Estero, Florida

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Challenged by a community with very divergent neighborhoods resisting common unifying opportunities. Meyers and his team led interactive sessions to bring people together. Through engaged focus groups and design sessions the team developed 7 buildings that now have fostered enormous change and community unity. The project represents the way architecture has a power to bring people together in meaningful ways.

*Clubhouse of the Year, Golf Inc**Community of Distinction, Boardroom Magazine***COMMUNITY CENTER**

2012 | Orange Township, Ohio

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

The fastest growing community in Ohio was seeking a modern town square that fights urban sprawl and re-centers the residents on the importance of social engagement and shared uses.

OPRA Superior Award**JCC COMMUNITY CENTER**

2013 | Bexley, Ohio

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

A health and wellness expansion to an existing Jewish Community Center that activates multi generational interactions building off of the rich family focused organization.

**SHORT NORTH HOUSING**

2009 | Columbus, Ohio

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

A mixed-use urban infill project serves to revitalize a blighted area of downtown Columbus. The apartments offer a much needed mixed income development solving a housing need.

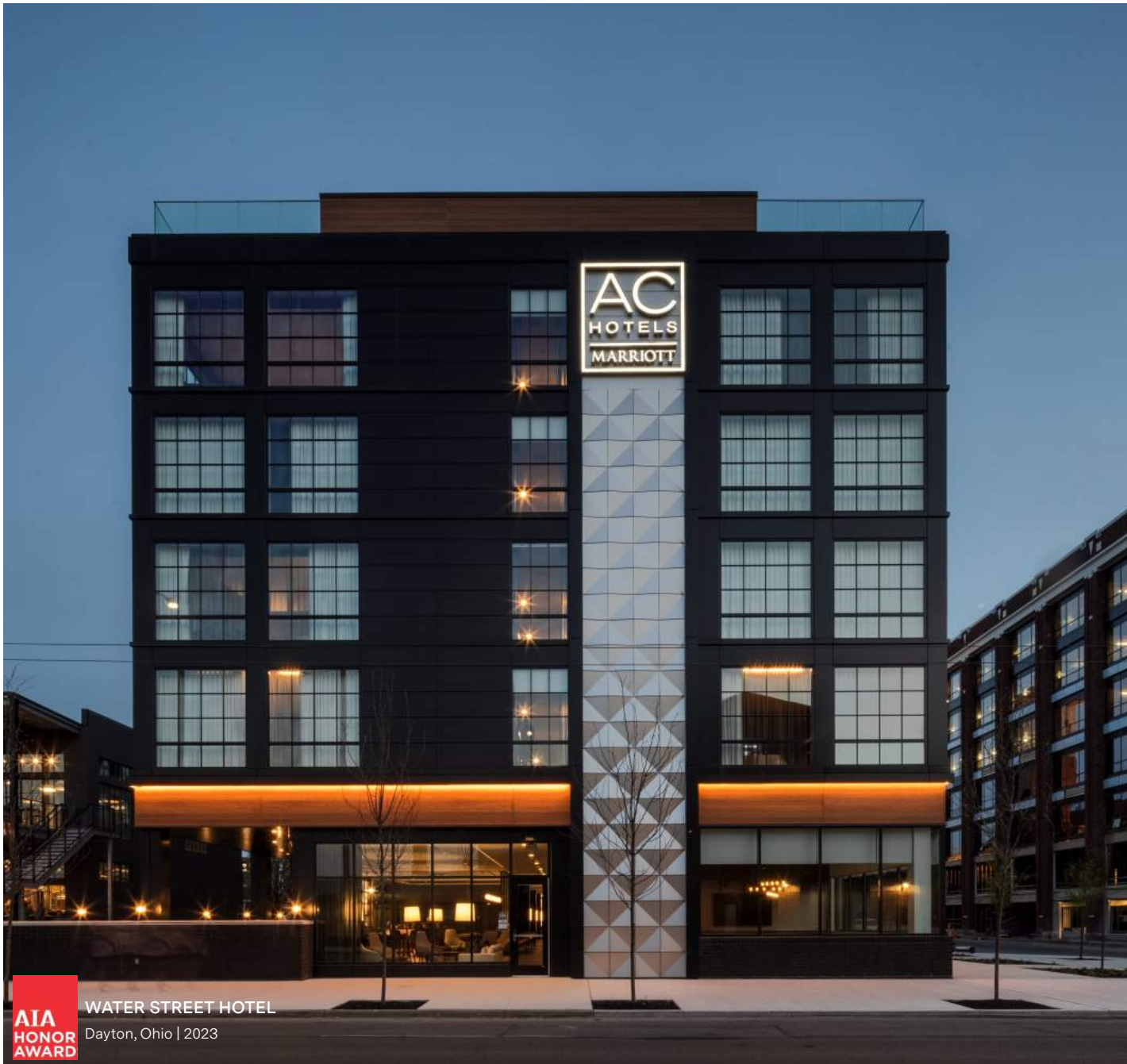
**PREMIER COMMUNITY CLUB**

2008 | Columbus, Ohio

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

An exercise in mentorship training use of a modern design aesthetic within the unique spatial characteristics of an existing facility.

Featured in Club Solutions Magazine

**MARRIOTT AC HOTELS**

2009 to present and on going.

Ann Arbor, Michigan
Atlanta, Georgia
Brecksville, Ohio
Columbus, Ohio
Cleveland, Ohio
Dayton, Ohio
Lansing, Michigan
Louisville, Kentucky
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Rochester, New York

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Meyers mentors his team and leads an effort to help develop a new contextually focused brand within Marriott Hotels offering. At locations around the United States, each project involved the design of a building that would uniquely respond to its surroundings. Meyers uses this process to teach his mentees that working within branded requirements do not have to be repetitive or lack ambition. He has used these projects to cultivate young professionals to understand working with communities and a corporation can create meaningful architecture.

Meyers has been engaged by Marriott to mentor its in house staff to develop critical thinking methods for brand development.

For this effort, Meyers was recognized as Marriott International's Global Architect of the Year and also with many hospitality industry awards and recognitions.

**DC TWO**

2008 | New Albany, Ohio

Principal-in-Charge, Architect of Record and Design Team Member

In collaboration with Ross Anderson, FAIA, Meyers led efforts to advance the conceptual design and implement the project. A logistics center with significant innovations integrating human roles and robotic automation. The million square foot building also represents a unique opportunity, that industrial manufacturing and distribution centers do not have to be sterile and uninviting and can embrace strong design ideals. Attention to light and materiality create positive impacts.

[AIA Columbus Honor Award](#)[AIA New York Honor Award](#)**AK-CHIN SOUTHERN DUNES**

In Process | Maricopa, Arizona

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

A Native American Community sought out Meyers team to create a facility to exemplify the native culture and offer a social setting for generational interactions.

**EL MACERO COMMUNITY**

2024 | Davis, California

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Re considering a Northern California early modernist facility to provide new functions focused on environment impact improvements and promoting food focused social engagements.



HONORS STUDENT HOUSING

2024 | Virginia Commonwealth University,
Richmond, Virginia

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

A Graduate, Professional and Honors student housing development with a focus on bringing residents together in public engagement spaces.



AQUATIC ADVENTURES

2009 | Hilliard, Ohio

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

A 42,000 natatorium and scuba dive training center with offices, classrooms and retail. The project was developed with an advanced water purification system utilizing ultra violet light instead of harsh chemicals. The goal for the project was to bring scuba dive training to central Ohio. The result was over 7,500 certifications since opening. The facility also offers competitive swim team training and no cost swim lessons for under served urban youth.

[Athletic Business Superior Award](#)
[LEED Certification](#)



THE LITTLE GRAND

2024 | Grandview Heights, Ohio

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Part of an 11 building mixed use community with residential, office, retail and hospitality. The Food hall is the magnet that attracts the community to this vibrant facility.



PENZONE SALON AND SPA

2018 | Dublin, Ohio

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Meyers team of mentees engaged with the Penzone organization to help in the re invention of a 40 year regional brand. The organization sought community engagement and advanced services for its discerning clients. The project resulted in activating areas of the city where facilities were placed and elevating customer interactions by 35%. Meyers mentored team has gone on to develop four more facilities.

[International Salon of the Year, Salon Today](#)
[International Salon of the Year, Northern American Hairstyling](#)
[IIDA Honor Award](#)



PARKLAND COMMUNITY

2023 | Parkland, Florida

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Restaurant, bar, fitness, wellness and child care facilities were added to this aged community bringing new excitement and activation to the residents of this growing community.



COLUMBUS AQUATICS

2008 to present | Columbus, Ohio

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

A prototype aquatic center successfully implemented at 7 locations in Columbus. The concept has been adopted at 6 other cities.

[City of Columbus, Ohio Citation for Civic Improvements](#)



ESPLANADE COMMUNITIES

2022 | Naples and Lakewood Ranch, Florida

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

2 Florida locations with a masterplan for community improvements based on a series of design charrette focus group discussion resulting in a revival of resident engagement.



HOTEL CELARE

2024 | Cincinnati, Ohio

Design Lead, Co-Principal-in-Charge

A new hotel for The University of Cincinnati with restaurants, roof top social club and art installations Bridging the adjacent historic neighborhood and the university.



KAPALUA COMMUNITY

2018 | Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Engaging with the local Hawaiian community to develop 5 buildings for community amenities including golf, dining, fitness, tennis, cultural worship, a school and social gathering spaces.



ROCHESTER DUAL HOTEL

In Process | Rochester, New York

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

A 189 dual brand hotel with a focus on sustainability elements and community interaction with the Erie Canal park site promoting indoor outdoor activity along this vibrant linear towpath park.



SOLWYN COMMUNITY

2024 | Santa Fe, New Mexico

Design Lead, Co-Principal-in-Charge

Working with the city housing authority to advance mixed income affordable housing that creates living spaces for the indigenous community. Amenity spaces promote community gatherings



LIFEWISE ACADEMY

2024 | Hilliard, Ohio

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Adaptive re utilization of a former aquatic center to become the headquarters and leadership training and mentorship center for a faith based early education program.



MADISON WHITE HAINES

2024 | Columbus, Ohio

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Restoration and adaptive alteration to a 4 building block to become housing, restaurants and art galleries.

Top Historical Preservation Award, Columbus Business First Columbus Builds Awards State of Ohio Preservation Office Honor Award



PKLYN

2024 | Brooklyn, New York

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Conversion of a warehouse space into 5 Pickleball courts, food truck station and social spaces for a unique urban setting in a thriving area of Brooklyn. Mentees led the adaptive re use process revitalizing a community.



LIVINGSTON PARK

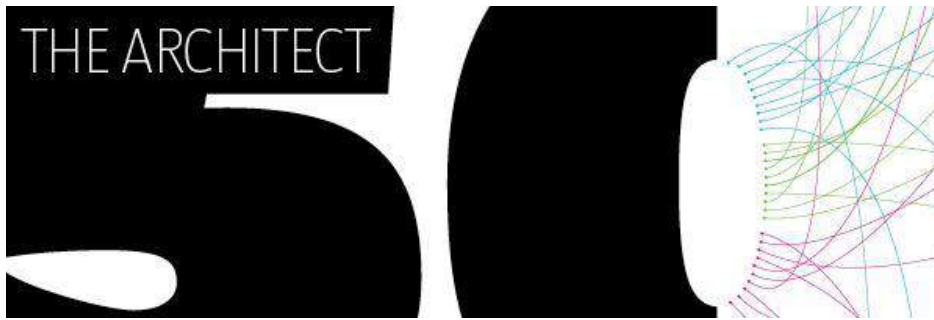
2012 | Columbus, Ohio

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

Meyers worked with a wide array of stakeholders, mentoring them through a process which created a community gathering destination with a contemporary reference to a historic trolley stop that was previously on-site. With historical community information displays, the dynamic pavilion creates a space for diverse social interaction.

*AIA Columbus Honor Award
ASLA Ohio Merit Award
ULI-APA-OH Planning Award*

*Ohio Parks and Recreation
Association Design Excellence
Award.*



TOP 50 FIRM AWARD

Architect Magazine

In 2013 Architect Magazine ranked Meyers firm, Meyers+Associates as a Top 50 firm overall and a Top 10 firm for Sustainable Practices. The firm was cited for its effective mentorship programs and design opportunities engagement of young professionals.

Meyers+Associates was listed at number 33 on the overall list of 50 distinguished and notable firms. Within the Top 50 list for Sustainability efforts, Meyers+Associates was listed at number 7 on the overall list of 50. The firm takes great honor in being noted for diligently promoting good innovative environmental practice in all projects and company operations.

Most lists of top architecture firms are nothing more than a straight-up ranking of top revenue-producers. Not the ARCHITECT 50. The program aspires to much more: A qualitative look at how firms stack up across a broad range of categories, from business to sustainability to design.

For the rankings, Architect Magazine considers net revenue per employee, profits invested in research, and energy-efficiency metrics (how well firms are meeting the AIA's 2030 challenge, for instance).

To measure design excellence, The publication asked firms for the first time to submit project portfolios, and had an esteemed panel of judges evaluate the candidate firms for design excellence and in particular designs that strengthen and impact communities in positive ways.

As the founder and sole owner of Meyers+Associates, Christopher Meyers, AIA holds leadership of the company team and its efforts in advancing the firm to this recognized success.



MENTOR OF THE YEAR

AIA Ohio, 2021

AIA Ohio honored Christopher Meyers, AIA for his career and practice around the vast beneficial aspects of mentorship and the cultivation of emerging professionals. Through innovative methods in his own practice he has shaped and impacted the professional development of many accomplished young architects and design professionals.

His broad reach to the academic environment and promotion of mentorship based programs have created a stronger link for students to engage with seasoned professionals and their firms.

In his leadership positions with The Ohio Board of Architects, NCARB and its Futures Collaborative Committee, Meyers is taking his successful techniques and efforts to promote mentorship in practice to a national level.



GOLD MEDAL FIRM AWARD

AIA Ohio, 2023

Led by Christopher Meyers, AIA, Meyers+Associates is a Mentorship Focused practice that has been recognized for embracing innovative practices to foster mentorship within the organization. He established an advanced leadership academy to guide and support staff in their professional growth and personal commitment to community service. Employees participate weekly in small group mentoring sessions focusing on various aspects such as career development, professional registration, and community service. The objective is to strengthen the profession, cultivate leadership qualities, and emphasize the architects role in positively impacting others lives.

The Gold Medal Award was also in recognition for the diverse portfolio of award winning project types and success in positively impacting a wide variety of communities nationally.

AIA HONOR AWARDS | RECOGNITIONS



2024 | AIA Ohio Top EP+Friendly Firm Recognition
Meyers+Associates

2023 | AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm Award
Meyers+Associates

2023 | AIA Dayton Honor Award
Water Street District Hotel

2022 | AIA Columbus Honor Award
Peoples Choice Award for WOSU

2021 | AIA Ohio Mentor of the Year Award
Christopher Meyers, AIA

2021 | AIA Columbus Honor Award
Graduate Hotel Short North

2021 | AIA National Architecture Foundation
CODA Award for The Graduate Hotel
Art and Architecture Collaboration

2013 | AIA Columbus Honor Award
Livingston Park in Columbus, Ohio

2012 | AIA Columbus Honor Award
Highlands Park Aquatic Center

2010 | AIA Columbus Honor Award
600 Broadway SoHo New York City

2008 | AIA Columbus Honor Award
AIA New Jersey Honor Award
Abercrombie & Fitch Building U
(in collaboration with mjsa)

2007 | AIA Columbus Honor Award
AIA New York Honor Award
Abercrombie & Fitch Building DC Two
(in collaboration with anderson arch.)



Meyers team receiving The AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm Award



Meyers receives The Ohio State University Distinguished Alumni Award

'Chris Meyers exceptional achievements in design, firm culture, and innovation have significantly contributed to the advancement of the architectural profession and the improvement of the built environment.'

Jennifer Rittler, AIA | 2021-2023 AIA Columbus President and Principal at Moody Nolan Architecture

PROJECT, INDUSTRY, CIVIC, PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS RECOGNITION

2024

Architect of the Year, Columbus *Business First Building Columbus Awards*

State of Ohio Preservation Office Honor Award for Madison White Haines Redevelopment

Top Hotel Design for AC Hotel Dayton, HD Awards
Corporate Citizenship Award, *Business First*

Madison White Haines, Best Historical Preservation,
Columbus Business First Building Columbus Awards

Quarry Trails Community Center, Part of Project of the Year, *Columbus Business First Building Columbus Awards*

State of Ohio Governors Award and Citation for Distinguished Public Service for two terms of leadership on The Ohio Board of Architects

2024 (continued)

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio Renovation and Expansion, Best neighborhood impact, *Columbus Business First Building Columbus Awards*

WOSU Public Media, Center for Architecture and Design, Voices of Design Award for Interior Design

2023

AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm Award

2nd & 7 Foundation, IIDA Columbus City Center Honor Award, Engage Category

AC Hotel Dayton, IIDA Columbus City Center Honor Award, Play Category

AC Hotel Dayton, IIDA Columbus City Center People's Choice and Honor Award

PROJECT, INDUSTRY, CIVIC, PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS RECOGNITION

2023 (continued)

AC Hotel Dayton, AIA Dayton Honor Award

Corporate Citizenship Award for Meyers + Associates Charitable Programs, *Columbus Business First*

Jefferey Park Community Experience, Honor Award, Live Category, IIDA Columbus City Center

Hilton Columbus Downtown expansion, Project of the Year, *Columbus Business First* Building Columbus Awards

Hilton Columbus Downtown, Honor Award, The Association of General Contractors (AGC)

Penzone Salon + Spa Hamilton Quarter, Best New Project, Building Columbus Awards, *Columbus Business First*

Penzone Salon + Spa Hamilton Quarter, Salon of the Year, *Salon Today Magazine*

West Bay Club, Clubhouse of the Year, *Golf, Inc*

West Bay Club, Club of Distinction, *Boardroom Magazine*

2022

AC Hotel Columbus Downtown, IIDA Ohio Kentucky Chapter Play Honor Award

AC Hotel Atlanta Perimeter, First Place, Associated General Contractors of Georgia, Inc. (AGC Georgia) Build Georgia Awards

Christopher Meyers, AIA, The Distinguished Alumni Award for Mentorship Initiatives and Career Achievement, The Ohio State University

Hilton Columbus Convention Center, Harrison W. Smith Award, Project of the Year, Columbus Downtown Commission

WOSU Public Media Headquarters, AIA Ohio Honor

2021

Hamilton Parker Showroom, IIDA Columbus Play Honor Award

AC Hotel Columbus Downtown, IIDA Columbus Play Honor Award

Christopher Meyers, AIA, AIA Ohio Mentor Award Corporate Citizenship Award, *Columbus Business First*

Business First Columbus Most Admired Executive Award to Christopher Meyers, AIA

The Graduate Hotel, ULI Award of Distinction

2020

Volunteerism and Mentorship Program, NCARB Citation

Graduate Hotel Columbus, Urban Land Institute Award of Distinction

The Madison and White Haines Building, Restoration and Revitalization

Historic Preservation Urban Community Service Award, The State of Ohio Historic Preservation Office

2019

Volunteerism Initiative Program, The State of Ohio Governors Citation of Community Service

2018

Christopher Meyers, AIA Awarded Global Architect of the Year, Marriott Hotels International

AC Hotel Louisville Downtown, Marriott Hotels International Building of the Year

Penzone Salon + Spa Dublin, International Salon of the Year, *Salon Today Magazine*

Penzone Salon + Spa Dublin, International Salon of the Year, Northern American Hairstyling Awards

Highlands Aquatic Center, Architecture Masterprize International Design Recognition Award

2017

AC Hotel Louisville Downtown, Modular Building Institute Building of the Year

AC Hotel Louisville Downtown, Urban Land Institute Award of Distinction

2016

Columbus City Pools, Community Impact Honorable Mention, Urban Land Institute

Innovations In Sustainability Citation, USGBC

2015

Wyman Woods Park, Grandview Chamber Community Architecture Award

Columbus City Pools, Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Outstanding Award

2014

Columbus City Pools, Columbus City Council Community Impact Award

Urban Improvements Award for Strip District Hotels, The City of Pittsburgh, PA

2013

Top 50 Firm Award (No. 33), Architect Magazine

Top 10 Firm Award for Sustainability (No. 7), Architect Magazine

Livingston Park, AIA Columbus Honor Award

Livingston Park, ASLA Honor Award

Livingston Park, ULI Top Honors for Community Improvements

Livingston Park, Ohio Parks and Recreation Assoc. Excellence Award

Franklin County Service Above Self Award

PROJECT, INDUSTRY, CIVIC, PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS RECOGNITION

2012

Highlands Aquatic Center, AIA Columbus Honor Award

Highlands Aquatic Center, ASLA National Honor Award

Pierce Field Community Park, Ohio Parks and Recreation Assoc. Excellence Award

Highlands Aquatic Center, Westerville City Council Civic Citation for Excellence

2011

Highlands Aquatic Center, Association of Builders and Contractors

Building of the Year, Highlands Aquatic Center, Ohio Concrete Association Project of the Year Awards

Highlands Aquatic Center, Ohio Parks and Recreation Assoc. First Place Award

Smallman Street Strip District, Urban Land Institute Citation of Merit

South Fifth Avenue Revitalization, Award of Distinction

Hollister Flagship, Retail Environments Design Award

Christopher Meyers, AIA, Leadership in Mentoring, Entrepreneur Organization

Citation for Columbus Aquatic Center Revitalization, The Aquatic Institute

2010

600 Broadway, SoHo NYC Hollister Flagship, AIA Columbus Honor Award

SpringHill Suites Pittsburgh Latrobe, Marriott Hotels International Project of the Year

Hollister Flagship, Urban Land Institute Award of Distinction

Citation for 600 Broadway, Landmarks NYC

2009

Hannah Farm Park, Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Superior Award

North Orange Aquatic Center, Ohio Parks and Recreation Assoc. Superior Award

2008

Christopher Meyers, AIA, Forty under 40, *Columbus Business First*

Abercrombie & Fitch Building U, AIA Columbus Honor Award (in collaboration with mjsa)

Abercrombie & Fitch Building U, AIA New Jersey Honor Award (in collaboration with mjsa)

2007

Abercrombie & Fitch DC Two, AIA Columbus Honor Award (with anderson arch.)

Abercrombie & Fitch Offices, Urban Land Institute Citation for Design

Abercrombie & Fitch Distribution Center 2, AIA New York Honor Award (with anderson arch.)

Meyers+Associates Receives Firm of the Year Award, *Builder Architect Magazine*



Meyers + Associates receives The Harrison Smith Award for Project of the Year for Columbus, Ohio



Meyers + Associates Interior Design Team receiving top honors at IIDA Honor Awards



Meyers + Associates receiving Architect of the Year Award for Columbus Business First

INDUSTRY, CIVIC, PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS RECOGNITION

**MOST ADMIRABLE EXECUTIVE**

Columbus Business First

In 2021 Christopher Meyers, AIA was honored as a top executive in Central Ohio for his company leadership and relentless efforts in guiding young professionals to grow in their community engagement and advanced career development.

**HARRISON W. SMITH AWARD**

City of Columbus, Ohio

In 2022 the team led by Meyers was recognized by the City of Columbus with the Development project of the Year for the Convention Center Hotel. The project is cited at making an enormously positive impact on the community.

**FORTY UNDER 40**

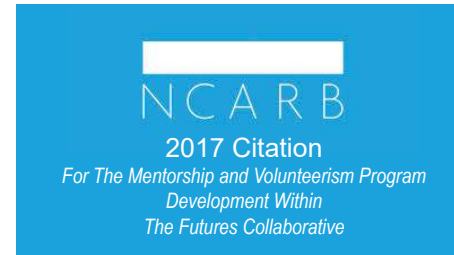
Columbus Business First

In 2008 Christopher Meyers, AIA was recognized for his community impact through his business and his Mentorship in Practice Program with its initiative to bring professionals to charitable volunteerism opportunities that benefit others in need.

**ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR**

Columbus Business First

In 2024 Meyers received top honors in Columbus, Ohio as the Architect of the Year for creating positive change within the community for many projects that sparked citizen engagement, economic renewal and offer innovative designs.

**CITATION OF DISTINCTION**National Council of Architect
Registration Boards

In 2017 Christopher Meyers, AIA received a National Citation through NCARB for promoting his Mentorship in Practice and Volunteerism programs at a national scale and coaching other firm leaders.

**ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR**

Marriott International

In 2018 Meyers was recognized as the Marriott Hotels international Architect of the Year for Hospitality Design that consistently makes positive community impacts on a national level through a variety of hotel development projects.

**CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP**

Columbus Business First

Receiving honors in 2021, 2023 and 2024 Meyers and his firm are recognized for their stewardship and significant charitable contributions to over 50 different organizations and their mentorship led, service hours program.

**THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**

The Ohio State University

In 2022 Meyers was awarded the highest alumni honor award at The Ohio State University for his innovative mentorship programs for student engagement and professional development.

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

Publications:

AIA Knowledge Net | Practice Management (By Meyers)

- Community Building in the Covid Era, 2020
- Servant Architecture and Volunteerism, 2019
- NCARB's Mentor leaders in Architecture, 2018
- Doing good by doing work that matters, 2019

AIA Knowledge Net | Small Firm Forum (By Meyers)

- Volunteerism in architecture, 2018
- Guiding practice with engaged mentorship, 2018

ALIVE: The Journal of Volunteer Engagement (By Meyers)

- Architect lead service, July 2020

Architect Magazine (About Meyers work)

- Top 50 Firm|Meyers+Associates, Sept. 2013
- Feature on WOSU Public Media, March 13, 2023

AIA Voices (By Meyers)

- Building Community Through Engagement, 2020

The Architects Newspaper (About Meyers)

- A practice built on service, 2018

Architecture in the Landscape (By Meyers)

- Highlands Aquatic Center, 2011

Architectural Design (By Meyers)

- Architecture after geometry, 1997

Architecture + Urbanism (By Meyers)

- Urban renewal strategies, 2001

Arch Daily (About Meyers work)

- Highlands park aquatic center, May 2011
- Abercrombie & Fitch, A Modern Beauty, Aug 2009

Architizer (About Meyers work)

- The NuLu and its impact on a community, 2017

Arch + Scape (About Meyers work)

- The remarkable design of Highlands Park, 2014

Athletic Business Architecture (About Meyers work)

- Premier Athletic Club, 2015
- Aquatic Adventures, June 2015

Business First of Central Ohio (About Meyers and his work)

- Community Building in the Covid Era, 2020

- Firm focused mentorship, November 2014
- Admired Executives share their thoughts., 2021
- Penzone plans new spa, April 5, 2021
- Columbus Ronald McDonald House to regain status as world's largest, October 1, 2021
- 15-story downtown tower gets the go-ahead from the Downtown Commission, October 26, 2021
- Crawford Hoying plans new commercial building in Dublin, November 11, 2021
- Meyers + Associates hoping to expand reach with larger leadership team, February 17, 2022
- Sunny Street Cafe's new restaurant prototype is more focused on community, April 15, 2022
- Crawford Hoying-Cameron Mitchell hotel project, October 21, 2022
- From office to residential developers are exploring conversions to help ease the housing shortage, April 27, 2023
- The Hilton Columbus Downtown's new tower remade our skyline, September 1, 2023
- 2024 Building Columbus Awards, July 9, 2024
- Building Columbus Architect of the Year: Meyers + Associates, September 12, 2024

Builder Magazine (About Meyers)

- Architects creating craftsmanship, Dec. 2012

Catholic Times (About Meyers work)

- Damascus is thriving, August, 2018

City Now Next, Franklin Tennessee Press (About Meyers)

- Vanderbilt is shaping a community, Franklin, TN., July 8, 2024

Club Solutions (By Meyers)

- Modern day design, Creating Community in Your Club, 2007

Columbus Dispatch (About Meyers and his work)

- Modern Farmhouse, a model for living, Sept. 2013
- An Architecture Firm Gives Back, February 2013
- 14-story apartment in former historic department store Downtown, July 21, 2021
- Mixed-use Masterpiece proposed, January, 2022
- Grandview project moves forward, Sept 9, 2022

Columbus Underground News (About Meyers and his work)

- Plan for Jeffrey Park Approved, October 13, 2021
- First Pickleball Facility to Open, June 16, 2022
- Columbus' Latest Food Hall, April 22, 2024
- Business Leaders Navigating Covid, 2020

The Comment, CSI Journal (About Meyers)

- How Meyers+Associates has created an environment to develop architects, Sept. 2016

Courier Journal - Louisville (About Meyers work)

- Revitalizing NULU, E. Glaze, March 2017

CRIT Magazine (By Meyers)

- A Mentorship Based Practice, August 2017

Dayton Business Journal, Dayton Daily News (About Meyers work)

- Convention center hotel taps developer for \$95 million project in downtown Dayton, Sept. 9, 2024

Destination Magazine (About Meyers work)

- The Top Hospitality Architects, Featuring the work of Meyers+Associates, May 2019

ENR Magazine (About Meyers)

- Top 100 Firms featuring WOSU, May 2020

International Journal of Mentorship and Coaching (About Meyers)

- Innovative mentoring methods in Architecture, Sept. 2018

Golf Digest Magazine (About Meyers work)

- The Top 10 New Clubs in America, May 2005
- The Changing Face of Clubs, May 2005

Golf INC Magazine (About Meyers work)

- West Bay is the International Clubhouse of the Year, 2022
- Meyers+Associates building communities that work, 2022

Hospitality Design Monthly (About Meyers work)

- Innovation with modular construction, 2018
- How a hotel can build a community, 2017

Hotel Business (About Meyers and his work)

- Meyers wins Architect of the Year, Dec. 2018
- AC Dayton nods to history, July 31, 2023

The Louisville Cardinal (About Meyers work)

- The student housing boom, 2016

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA (CONTINUED)

M Live, Ann Arbor Michigan Press (About Meyers work)

- Inside the new hotel in Ann Arbor, Nov. 28, 2023

Meyers+Associates Select Work (About Meyers and his work)

- Featured projects - 20 years, December 2018

Modular Construction (About Meyers work)

- Techniques in Hospitality, Sept. 2017

The New York Times Magazine (About Meyers work)

- The undeniable transformation of SoHo, Mar. 2012

NCARB Destination Architect (By Meyers)

- How Ohio is elevating registrations, May 2019
- Mentorship based practice and placing value in the future, March 2019
- Emerging Professionals and how to relate, 2018
- Servant leadership and volunteerism initiatives in the practice of architecture, June 2017
- Successful mentorship in practice, April 2017

Octane: The Journal of EO (By Meyers)

- Servant leaders and the value of giving back, 2011
- Community Building, Sept. 2010
- A blueprint for success, Mentoring emerging professionals, March 2009

- Leading young professionals, March 2014

- Wall to wall wellness, April 2007

Ohio Capital Journal (About Meyers)

- Architect Board Gets a Big Win, Sept. 2019

The Ohio State University Alumni Press (About Meyers)

- Christopher Meyers receives The Distinguished Alumni Award for Career Achievement, October 3, 2022

Salon Today Magazine (About Meyers work)

- Gathering Spaces Penzone: the Salon of the Year, Bobbit Press, May-June 2019

SkillShare.com (By Meyers)

- Leadership in the time of Covid, 2020

SCUP Journal | The Society Planning (About Meyers work)

- Transforming Ohio State with community immersion, August 2018

Urban Land (About Meyers work)

- Art as a attractor, the Graduate Mixed Use Development, Aug. 2019
- How a pool can shape a community, 2020

The Wall Street Journal (About Meyers work)

- Abercrombie & Fitch Headquarters Tour, 2024

Media Appearances

EWTN AM 820 (Featuring Meyers)

- Catholic Radio: Meyers on Damascus Catholic Youth Summer Camp National Expansion, 2019

89.7 WOSU NPR News (Featuring Meyers)

- 'Transformation of the University District', 2019
- 'Why Mentorship Matters', 2019

NBC WAVE 3 News, Louisville (About Meyers work)

- 'Community aquatic centers in the City of Louisville' 2017

89.7 WOSU NPR | All Sides (Featuring Meyers)

- Interview with Christopher Meyers, AIA on 'Design, Leadership and Shaping the future of architecture through practice', 2019
- 'The community impact of the WOSU building', 2020
- 'Creating connections during a pandemic', 2019

CNN Business Newsroom (About Meyers work)

- Featuring the WOSU project, 'The opportunity model at Ohio State', 2018

NBC KTVD 9 News (About Meyers work)

- Denver 'Innovative community building' Featuring The Depot project, 2018

ABC WHAS 11 News, Louisville (About Meyers work)

- 'The Nulu District and the transformation of a community', 2018

Marriott On The Move (Featuring Meyers)

- Meyers + Associates is the Marriott Architect of the Year, 2018
- 'How The NuLu shaped the town', 2018

Columbus Underground (Featuring Meyers)

- Meyers + Associates, 'a model practice', 2015
- 'Shaping our community the right way', 2022

NBC WCMH Channel 4, Columbus (Featuring Meyers)

- 'Mayor Coleman opens the new Columbus Aquatic Centers', 2012

CBS WBNS Channel 10, Columbus (Featuring Meyers)

- 'Highlands Park opens and it is like nothing before', 2009

HGTV Before and After (Featuring Meyers)

- The work of Meyers + Associates 2005

ILLUSTRATIVE PUBLICATIONS



Columbus Business First Cover Story



EO Octane Magazine



Meyers+Associates Works



Club Solutions Magazine



Salon Today Magazine



Wall to Wall Wellness



The New York Times



AIA Architect Voices



Comment CSI Magazine

PRESENTATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING

AIA

- 'Finding your Path in the professions of Architecture and Design.' Columbus, Ohio 2020, 2021
- 'Community volunteerism opportunities through design.' Columbus, Ohio 2018
- 'Meyers+Associates, A Mentorship based Practice' Columbus, Cleveland, Akron, Ohio 2018, 2020, 2021, 2023
- 'Mentorship in Practice' Columbus, Ohio 2021

AIA Archways

- 'Mentorship for emerging professionals' National Web Cast Columbus, Ohio 2020, 2021
- 'My journey in architecture' National Web Cast Columbus, Ohio 2020

AIA Practice Management

- 'Firm leaders discuss Office Culture amongst Covid-19 and getting staff back to work.' National Web Cast Columbus, Ohio 2020, 2021

AIA Center For Architecture

- 'The Future of Practice' National Web Cast Columbus, Ohio 2020
- 'What do we do now?, Practice Management in a Pandemic' Columbus, Ohio 2020

Catholic Youth Leadership Conference

- 'Finding your path to service.' Ohio 2020, 2021
- 'Creating a business built upon service above self.' Centerburg, Ohio 2020

New York State Technical Education Assoc.

- 'Educating architects through mentorship.' Rochester, New York 2020

Crawford Hoying Leadership Development Conference

- 'Mentoring young leaders' Sarasota, Florida, 2021
- 'Transforming communities.' Nashville, Tenn. 2019

NCARB Regional Conference

- 'A mentorship based firm.' Washington, DC 2019

Marriott Hotels Connect Conference

- 'Meyers+Associates hospitality work and its transformational impact on a community.' San Diego, California 2018
- 'Modular innovation in hospitality construction.' San Diego, California 2018
- 'Meyers+Associates Marriott's Global Architect of the Year.' San Diego, California 2018

West Bay Academy

- 'Designing a transformational community.'
- 'Health and Wellness in Community focused architecture.' Estero, Florida 2018

NCARB Annual Meeting

- 'Mentorship, AXP and Emerging Professionals.' New Orleans, LA 2015
- 'Volunteerism in Practice' New Orleans, LA 2015
- 'Mentorship in practice.' New Orleans, LA 2015

Troon Leadership Conference

- 'Mentoring Communities.' Scottsdale, AZ 2020

EO Leadership Conference

- 'Mentored connections with young professionals.' Scottsdale, AZ 2015
- 'Finding innovative ways to lead Emerging Professionals' Telluride, Colorado 2014
- 'Service through work that matters.' Annapolis, Maryland 2013
- 'Finding benefits in the mentoring of your young staff' Annapolis, Maryland 2013

Club Managers Association of America Regional Conference

- 'How to Mentor your community.' Ohio 2021

Ohio Parks and Recreation Conference

- 'Aquatic center innovations.' Sandusky, Ohio 2012
- 'Transforming The Columbus Pools System.'

Sandusky, Ohio 2012

- 'Highlands Aquatics: How we shaped a community with a pool and a park' Sandusky, Ohio 2012

About.com Architecture podcast

- 'Mentorship in practice.' 2014

Columbus Young Professionals

- 'Why Mentorship Matters' 2024

Lawrence Funderburke Youth Foundation

- 'Service above self' 2024

Columbus Business First

- 'Columbus Builds: Interview with the Architect of the Year, Chris Meyers' 2024

Urban Land Institute

- 'Community Shaping and your potential impact.' Columbus, Ohio 2022

Design, Architecture, Art and Planning School at The University of Cincinnati

- 'Finding your Path in the professions of Architecture and Design.' Cincinnati, Ohio 2022, 2023

School of Architecture, Miami University

- 'Finding your Path in the professions of Architecture and Design.' Oxford, Ohio 2022, 2023

School of Architecture, Kent State University

- 'Finding your Path in the professions of Architecture and Design.' Ashtabula, Ohio 2022

Bowling Green State University

- 'Finding your Path in the professions of Architecture and Design.' Bowling Green, Ohio 2020, 2021

Knowlton School of Architecture, The Ohio State University

- 'Finding your Path in the professions of Architecture and Design.' Columbus, Ohio 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- 'Mentorship in Practice' Columbus, Ohio 2021
- 'Community Shaping' Columbus, Ohio 2023



3: EXHIBITS

THE GRADUATE HOTEL

2019 | Columbus, Ohio

Design Lead, Principal-in-Charge

An adaptive reuse project, revitalizing and transforming a vacant 11-story apartment building in the historic Short North neighborhood into a boutique hotel with activating ground-level retail and restaurant spaces.

Award of Distinction, Urban Land Institute

CODAAwards, Public Spaces

AIA Columbus Honor Award



AIA
HONOR
AWARD





‘Over my time with Chris, I grew from a student and young recent graduate to managing my own projects within a few short years. I can not envision that having been possible without Chris’ dedication to my growth as an architect as well as his unique ability to bestow responsibility while providing guidance. His constant mentorship and support at every turn gave me the confidence to step into new roles and take a greater responsibility as an architect and project manager.’

Brian Peterson, AIA
Mentee serving roles starting as Summer Intern, then Associate, Architect and Senior Architect at Meyers+Associates

SUMMARY OF EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 3.1: Mentorship in Practice**
Leadership Development Through Mentorship
- Exhibit 3.2: Mentorship in Practice**
Increasing Access to Licensure
- Exhibit 3.3: Mentorship in Practice**
Building Community Activism Through Practice
- Exhibit 3.4: Results Driven Design**
Highlands Park Aquatic Center, Westerville, Ohio
Mentoring community engagement
- Exhibit 3.5: Results Driven Design**
WOSU Public Media, Columbus, Ohio
Creating connections with mentorship
- Exhibit 3.6: Results Driven Design**
The Depot Community Housing, Parker, Colorado
Building a community with mentorship
- Exhibit 3.7: Results Driven Design**
Water Street District, Dayton, Ohio
Mentoring diverse teams on a civic scale
- Exhibit 3.8: Results Driven Design**
The Convention Center Hotel, Columbus, Ohio
Firm collaborations and the value of mentorship
- Exhibit 3.9: Results Driven Design**
Lansing Transformation, Lansing, Michigan
Mentoring cross disciplinary knowledge sharing
- Exhibit 3.10: Results Driven Design**
The Ronald McDonald House, Columbus, Ohio
Exemplifying Activism, Stewardship and Compassion

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT THROUGH MENTORSHIP

Organization: Meyers+Associates Architecture

Completion Date: 1999 to present and ongoing

Role of Candidate: Founding Principal Architect, Lead Mentor

Challenge: Establish a method of practice that utilizes mentorship techniques to advance the profession of architecture by meaningful interaction and professional development.

Outcome: Meyers leads an initiative nationally to cultivate emerging professionals at pivotal moments in their career development. His ability to create adaptable solutions to cater to the individual needs has served as a model of practice in the profession. Meyers had recognized that the traditional model of Mentor-Mentee interaction has changed and evolved throughout his career. The traditional one size fits all model with limited interactive dialogue that has been the foundation of most architects development as professionals has been pressured to adapt.

His adaptive mentorship methods have proven beneficial to reach a broader audience. His mentorship program was fully realized when the advent of the global pandemic allowed his mentorship methods to flourish even with limited in person interaction.

Driven by early dialogue with younger professionals and other Mentees at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Meyers quickly realized that with separation, the strength of his connections to his Mentees was at risk. He grew concerned with their overall professional development and their outlook on their chosen profession. During the pandemic, with remote work, isolation and global uncertainty many emerging professionals were a bit lost. By utilizing multiple means of interactive technologies, Meyers is able to maintain and flourish his connection to those he is engaging with through Mentorship even at a distance.

‘Chris Meyers has a mentorship style that is disciplined and creative. His Mentees see a living example of how passion can excite desire, ignite action, give purpose to ones work, and lead to a better world.’

Doug Steidl, FAIA
Former President of The American Institute of Architects and
State of Ohio Board of Architects



Joining with AIA chapters and their emerging professionals mentorship programs, Meyers participated on multiple panel discussions and interactive sessions with AIA chapters and young professionals throughout the country, sharing experience and a confident tone to reassure others in seeing the potential positive outcomes in difficult industry situations.

Recognizing that communication was still the critical means of Mentoring, Meyers engaged with his Mentees and a larger network of aspiring architects by creating an adaptive mentorship program that offers a series of no cost video presentations, pod casts and direct video sessions covering topics such as communication techniques, preparation methods for registration exams, practice management, job site observation standards, volunteerism in practice and many other topics of interest.



Christopher Meyers creating mentorship video for knowledge sharing during the pandemic

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT THROUGH MENTORSHIP

Impact:

- Direct mentorship with over 60 emerging professionals with a 90% registration success rate.
- Interactions with hundreds of architecture students through presentations and panel discussions and professional practice training with the five architecture programs at universities in Ohio
- Adaptive mentorship techniques to a broader extended audience of many hundreds of emerging professionals worldwide through interactive videos.
- Innovative adaptive mentorship techniques presented and shared with 12 AIA Chapters throughout The United States.
- Meyers implemented a 'Mentoring Mentors' program through AIA and NCARB to further enhance the AXP advisor training and support architectural registration success.
- Meyers developed and leads a firm mentorship strategy workshop program implemented with 12 other firm owners of numerous architecture firms but also has been adapted to other design, engineering and professional services focused practices, impacting hundreds of young professionals in various roles.

"The ongoing mentorship that I have been so fortunate to receive from you has helped give me such clarity on my path forward. Understanding not only my path to licensure but also a method of practice that guided a strategy to develop my own firm. Now, after a few years in I want to express my enormous gratitude for helping me shape my own company modeled around your mentorship based model of practice."

Matthew Hayes, AIA
Former Meyers + Associates Associate, now Owner and Principal at Nighthawk Design, Denver Colorado

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Karen Dwyer, ASID, IIAID

Principal Interior Designer,
Meyers+Associates
Colleague for over 23 years

Honors and Awards:

AIA Ohio Mentor of the Year | 2021
Volunteerism and Mentorship Program,
NCARB Citation | 2020
Most Admired Executive in Ohio | 2021
Distinguished Alumni OSU | 2022
AIA Ohio EP+ Friendly Firm Award |
2024



INCREASING ACCESS TO LICENSURE

Organizations: The Ohio Board of Architects, NCARB, The Knowlton School of Architecture at The Ohio State University

Completion Date: 2014 to present and ongoing

Role of Candidate: Two term Ohio Board of Architects, President. NCARB committee member. Knowlton School of Architecture Advisory Board.

Challenge: Engage students and emerging professionals to facilitate awareness and excitement with the process of becoming a licensed professional architect. Renew a stale connection between practicing firm leaders and academic institutions.

Outcome: Through his active engagement with mentoring emerging professionals Meyers advances the profession through communication, education, and driving policy change nationally with a concentration through appointed roles he serves in Ohio.

In his leadership role with The Ohio Architects Board and NCARB, Meyers has championed refinements and efficiencies in the registration process that have directly elevated architectural registration success rates.

Meyers has been sought out by NCARB to guide their Futures Collaborative for his leadership in creative mentorship programs with a focus on promoting licensure. This group is shaping practice management and licensure on an impactful national scale with engagements in all 50 states.

His mentorship model of practice and his promotion of professional advancement in Ohio for The State Board have garnered the attention at a national level. His successful methods are being implemented within numerous other State Architectural Registration Boards.

Through his board appointment at The Knowlton School of Architecture at The Ohio State University, Meyers established a connection between practicing architects interested in mentoring architectural students.

He championed the Office Associateship and Mentorship programs at The University. The program supports an endowment to sponsor graduate level student tuition. The students engage with the firms that offer extended mentorship and networking opportunities to these emerging professionals.

As a founding firm in the Office Associateship program, Meyers promoted the

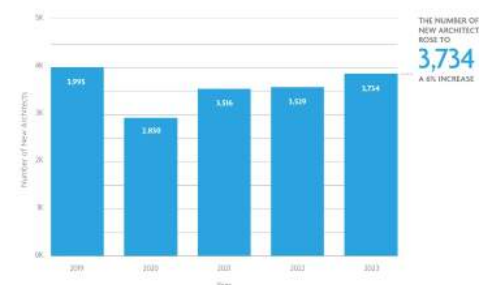
benefits with other firm owners in Columbus and beyond growing the program to over 80 participating firms. This program has fostered strong mentorship-based connections to students and professionals and has since been established at multiple other academic institutions as a means to promote alumni mentorship and engagement with graduate level young professionals.

'The work of The Ohio Architects Board serves as a model for others. Chris, your ability to drive policy change and significantly elevate the success rates of young architects passing the ARE has simply been fantastic.'

Michael J. Armstrong
CEO of The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards



NEW ARCHITECTS ROSE 6% NATIONALLY



LICENSED ARCHITECTS IN OHIO ROSE 21%



source: NCARB 'By The Numbers' Annual Reports, Ohio Board of Architects

INCREASING ACCESS TO LICENSURE

Impact:

- Meyers leads communication with the five schools of architecture in Ohio and hundreds of architectural students on the benefits of registration, impacting the quantity of AXP applicants in the state with a 17% increase.
- Direct mentorship of over 60 AXP candidates with a first time passing success rate of 90% on the ARE test.
- Elevating Ohio's licensed architects by 21% within Meyers two board terms.
- Changes Ohio from historically under performing nationally to being a model state for completion of AXP and ARE.
- Leading the Futures Collaborative of NCARB to implement programs to enhance the success of mentorship supported architectural registration in all 50 states.
- Through the Office Associateship Program at Ohio State, Meyers has shaped the connection between over 80 firms and hundreds of students in the 10 years of the programs existence.
- The Mentorship focused Office Associateship Program has been emulated at 12 other universities in The United States.

'Chris Meyers leadership of Meyers+Associates diverse collection of built projects across Ohio and beyond have been recognized for their design excellence. I would equally advance that his enormous impact on our students and the individuals he has mentored will be long-lasting and far-reaching.'

Dorothee Imbert | Chair of The Knowlton School of Architecture
at The Ohio State University

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Shannon R. Himes

Executive Director

The Ohio Board of Architects

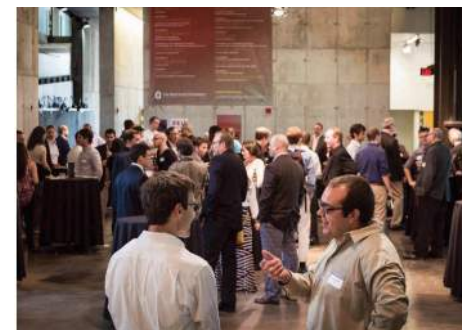
Honors and Awards:

Distinguished Alumni Award | 2022

AIA Ohio Mentor of the Year | 2021

Volunteerism and Mentorship Program,
NCARB Citation | 2020

Business First Columbus Most Admired
Executive Award | 2021



source: Knowlton School of Architecture at The Ohio State University

BUILDING COMMUNITY ACTIVISM THROUGH PRACTICE

Organization: Meyers+Associates Architecture

Completion Date: 1999 to present and ongoing

Role of Candidate: Founding Owner, Lead Mentor and Principal-in-Charge

Challenge: Establish a design focused firm rooted in mentoring young architects to serve the community through their talents and engagement with others. Encourage and enable engaged activism and support of community focused charitable organizations, Seek a remedy to the diminished spirit of volunteerism.

Outcome: As a model for volunteerism, Meyers has promoted service to others through charitable participation and community outreach impacting thousands in the community.

Through his mentorship opportunities, Meyers took on the opportunity to create an initiative to guide others to discover the benefits of giving back through volunteerism and to instill upon young professionals in architecture the significance of their role in shaping the community.

Built from his personal stewardship experiences and the giving of his time, skillsets and talents, Meyers leads others to develop a passion to serve communities in need. Over 25 years of practice, 110 of his staff and their families have participated in volunteerism with outside service organizations. Firm members are offered time in service for up to 120 hours annually as a company sponsored benefit. The program encourages staff members to find their passion in serving others and enlist co workers, friends and family to participate and experience the benefits of their volunteer efforts.

This mentorship model strengthens the profession, builds leaders, and has instilled the importance of an architects role to positively impact the lives of others, building a movement of servant leadership and community activists.

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Michael Lightbody, MPH

Executive Director
Creative Living

Honors and Awards:

Corporate Citizenship Award, Business First | 2021, 2023 and 2024

Volunteerism Initiative Program, The State of Ohio Citation of Community Service | 2019

AIA Ohio EP+ Friendly Firm Award | 2024

Impact:

- Over 2,400 staff member service hours completed to date creating a positive impact on thousands in the community.
- Staff members have engaged with over 50 charitable organizations giving staff the awareness of their potential to create change through the work they do.
- Engaging with over 200 friends and family members of staff to participate in volunteer efforts magnifying the impact and creating a ripple effect of service.
- 67 Pro Bono projects to date provided to organizations each with the mission to serve others.
- 12 other firms nationally have implemented a volunteerism initiative program within their own organizations based on the guidance and model of practice Meyers has created.
- Through this program Meyers has led a volunteerism initiative that has touched thousands of individuals.

'You have opened my eyes to the potential my company has to create a meaningful impact on others through engaged mentorship. Your message of 'Serving others doing good by doing work that matters' has changed my approach to working with my team and I want to thank you for that.'

Thomas Warner, PE | Founding Owner and Civil Engineer with Advanced Civil Design



BUILDING COMMUNITY ACTIVISM THROUGH PRACTICE | MEYERS LED MENTORSHIP IN PRO BONO WORK EFFORTS

**SECOND & 7**

Columbus, Ohio

2nd & 7 promotes reading and has donated over 800,000 books to kids in need all across the country since it started in 1999.

Through the service hours program and promotion of volunteerism efforts, Meyers guided 12 mentees through all aspects of the project development from programming, design, permitting and construction to develop a 6,000 square foot adaptive reuse space for the non profit organization. The team developed office spaces, book receiving and conditioning areas and gathering spaces for school children reading events.

The space is used by hundreds of students a month and has doubled the productivity of the book processing. The success of the project lead to multiple civic awards for community service and an IIDA interior design award. From this success the organization is planning 2 other facilities to serve the community in other cities.

**DAMASCUS CYSC**

Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Maryland

Damascus CYSC (Catholic Youth Summer Camp) is a chance for students in grades 6-12 to step away from the distractions of daily life and experience high-adventure activities that lead to a high-adventure faith. Under Meyers' leadership, 10 mentees have developed 5 building projects at the main camp in Ohio, and have also contributed to the master planning and facility designs for 3 other camps in Michigan, Maryland and Wisconsin.

The mentees can engage in the collaborative process of design and lead efforts in advancing the mission and facilities of the camp. Immersed in the community, they have found fulfilling engagement with the staff and leadership of the organization.

For these efforts and profound success, Meyers was asked to serve on the camp's National Board of Directors and lead Mentorship training programs within the organization on a national level.

**WOMENS CARE CENTER**

Columbus, Ohio

Women's Care Center provides free counseling, support, and education for pregnant women and no-cost medical services and parenting classes. Women's Care Centers serve over 30,000 women annually from 37 centers in 12 states, including Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania & Wisconsin.

Meyers has led 7 mentees through practice engagement and full services for the organization at 2 locations. The mentees can experience that through their talents and skills, they can provide meaningful and impactful services for the mission of the Women's Care Centers.

The mentees have gone on to serve significant volunteer efforts for community awareness and capital campaigns. They have discovered that architecture and design can create an environment that is conducive to well-being through care and compassion.

**CREATIVE LIVING**

Columbus, Ohio

Creative Living is a non-profit organization that provides affordable, wheelchair-accessible housing for individuals with physical disabilities who desire to further their education, pursue careers, and contribute to the community. Residents are empowered to be self-sufficient and lead full, productive lives while independently managing their disabilities.

Meyers led 12 mentees over many years to develop 2 facilities for Creative Living. The facilities offer full accessibility to quadriplegic residents. This mentorship has led to a significant design awareness of people-focused design and the creation of dignified spaces to serve very challenged individuals. The experience gained by the mentees has guided them to think beyond simply meeting a code and to design to an even higher standard. Mentees have gone on to engage with over 30 others to support the organization, and one mentee is now serving on their board of directors.

HIGHLANDS PARK AQUATIC CENTER | WESTERVILLE, OHIO

Design Firm: Meyers+Associates Architecture
Architect of Record: Meyers+Associates Architecture
Completion Date: 2010
Role of Candidate: Design Leadership and Principal-in-Charge
Mentorship Impact: 9 Mentees led key roles in project

Challenge: Utilize and lead the mentorship practice to guide and create a new community amenity that brings together its citizens while enhancing the environmental conditions of a damaged wetland.

Outcome: Guiding his team, Meyers facilitated a series of community engagement forums for the neighborhood and wider local community. Promoting mentorship in practice, Meyers had emerging professionals work side by side with him in engaging with community members, city officials and aquatic management staff. This training fostered an opportunity for staff to understand the significance of engagement and productive listening well prior to initiating a design solution. This built a significance in the team to shape a project that is rooted in the specifics of the community engagement process.

Not all in the vast community agreed and navigating a range of divisive opinions posed an exceptional opportunity for the team to build consensus.

Meyers and his team created a social hub for the community bringing families and neighbors together through a mentored process.

The design exemplified a model for minimal environmental impact, the park also re-established a failing wetland ecology through innovative sustainable design elements and advanced aquatic technologies.



HIGHLANDS PARK AQUATIC CENTER | WESTERVILLE, OHIO

Impact:

- Creates a community learning tool for sustainability techniques including area schools using the park as a living learning lab for environmental education.
- U.S. News and World Reports cites the aquatic center as part of Westerville, Ohio's 'best places to live' designation.
- Aquatic system pioneers a new standard with ultra violet light filtration providing significant chemical reduction while improving water quality and surrounding ecology.
- Since project completion, a 62% increase in adjacent property value with a 320% increase in pool memberships from year prior to project initiation.
- Through his mentorship, Meyers led a community to understand their shared objectives, embrace design challenges and formulate an award winning model community destination.
- Mentees were a critical part in the success of engagement with the community. By working in small community focused groups, the mentees were immersed in the process of understanding the needs of others as they worked to support the project and develop design solutions.

'You showed me that architecture is rooted in being a good listener first, engaging with the community and then creating a solution to their challenges. I am so proud of the work we accomplished here.'

Peter Scott, AIA
Project Manager, Mentee

Honors and Awards

AIA Columbus Honor Award | 2012, Arch Daily Project Profile | 2012

ASLA Honor Award | 2012, OPRA Honor Award Project of the Year | 2011

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Randy Auler

Director of Parks and Recreation
The City of Westerville, Ohio

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'The best comment I hear about this wonderful place is that it has brought families together, that it has brought kids away from their screens and reconnected us to each other and our neighbors. Our community is eternally grateful.'

Mayor Kathy Cocuzzi
Westerville City Council



WOSU PUBLIC MEDIA | COLUMBUS, OHIO

Design Firm: Meyers+Associates Architecture

Architect of Record: Meyers+Associates Architecture

Completion Date: 2022

Role of Candidate: Design Leadership and Principal-in-Charge

Mentorship Impact: 6 Mentees led key roles in project

Challenge: Connect the university and community by re-establishing a 100 year old public media organization at the gateway of the campus.

Outcome: Through his leadership, Meyers mentored the community to establish a meaningful and much needed link between the university and the residents of the adjacent neighborhood.

The building and area development sparks a positive transformation of the university neighborhood district. As a catalyst for enhanced connections Meyers led the group and created a design to engage with the community.

The building has prompted positive and strong interaction between the university and its surrounding neighbors.



WOSU PUBLIC MEDIA | COLUMBUS, OHIO

Impact:

- Architect mentorship facilitated engagements improving communication with the university and Columbus neighborhoods. Prompting an ongoing monthly forum for community and university challenges.
- Advances design for broadcasting capabilities to greatly expand coverage to reach a global audience of listeners and viewers.
- Building design serves as a model nationally for public media organizations by demonstrating how interactive and creative programming, community studios, pod cast labs, and social spaces can engage the public.
- Through a series of community design forums, Meyers mentored the residents and university in a process of engagement to develop the design.
- Through their project participation and built relationships, members of the overall project design team have continued to stay engaged with volunteerism efforts, assistance in on going facility promotion and tours.

'This space has become a place for the community and students to come together and create their own stories, Thank you for creating a collaborative public space to discuss the primary issues facing our community and the world.'

Dr. Michael Drake
President of The Ohio State University

Honors and Awards

AIA Columbus Honor Awards People's Choice Award | 2022

WOSU Public Media, Center for Architecture and Design, Voices of Design Award for Interior Design | 2024

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Thomas Reiland

Executive Director and Manager
WOSU Public Media

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THE DEPOT COMMUNITY HOUSING | PARKER, COLORADO

Design Firm: Meyers+Associates Architecture
Architect of Record: Meyers+Associates Architecture
Completion Date: 2018
Role of Candidate: Design Leadership and Principal-in-Charge
Mentorship Impact: 6 Mentees led key roles in project

Challenge: Bring a much needed vibrant offering to a community seeking affordable and market rate apartments to solve a housing shortage. Create units and amenities with a family focus rooted in good environmental practice.

Outcome: Meyers led a group to evaluate the conditions lacking in the area and drove a unique visionary community with stand out color, form and site amenities. Adjacent to a rail to trail system the community embraces the site and offers a lodge community center with available hiking, dog walking and biking support.

The Depot community has become a highly sought after refreshing option. Mentees were guided and immersed in a process of interacting with potential residents and community officials to fully understand what is being sought, rather than just replicating what adjacent development teams are providing.

Impact:

- Mentees advanced in their awareness of communication and analysis of competitive market set to then developed a successful design rooted in community betterment.
- The community offers leasing options for affordability programs supporting military, young professionals and families promoting equitable housing.
- Mentees led a sustainability in design effort resulting in a LEED certification process now implemented successfully in over 20 other projects.

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Anne Klingbeil

President and Managing Director
 Klingbeil Capital Management

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WATER STREET DISTRICT | DAYTON, OHIO

Design Firm: Meyers+Associates Architecture

Architect of Record: Meyers+Associates Architecture

Completion Date: 2023

Role of Candidate: Design Leadership and Principal-in-Charge

Mentorship Impact: 10 Mentees led key roles in project

Challenge: Revitalize a blighted area in a dense urban core through activation of multiple building types and economic boosting uses.

Outcome: When the City of Dayton, Ohio added their minor league baseball stadium the entire area surrounding it was in need of active revitalization. Meyers and his team collaborated with the master developer and a diverse team of talented architects. Of the 8 buildings within the development, Meyers led 3 including 2 hotels and one mixed use residential building.

Impact:

- The Dayton core has seen a 210% increase in economic vitality.
- The development has served as an economic model now being implemented in 2 other cities with the same overall development and design team.
- Meyers led Mentees to participate in advanced economic modeling and financial strategies to positively shape the award winning designs.

Honors and Awards

HD Awards, Top Hotel Design Award | 2024

AIA Dayton Honor Award | 2023

IIDA Columbus City Center Merit Award, Play Category | 2023

IIDA Columbus City Center People's Choice Award | 2023

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Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr.

Mayor

The City of Dayton, Ohio

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THE CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL | COLUMBUS, OHIO

Design Firm: Meyers+Associates Architecture with Cooper Carry and Geoffrey Beers Interior Design

Architect of Record: Cooper Carry

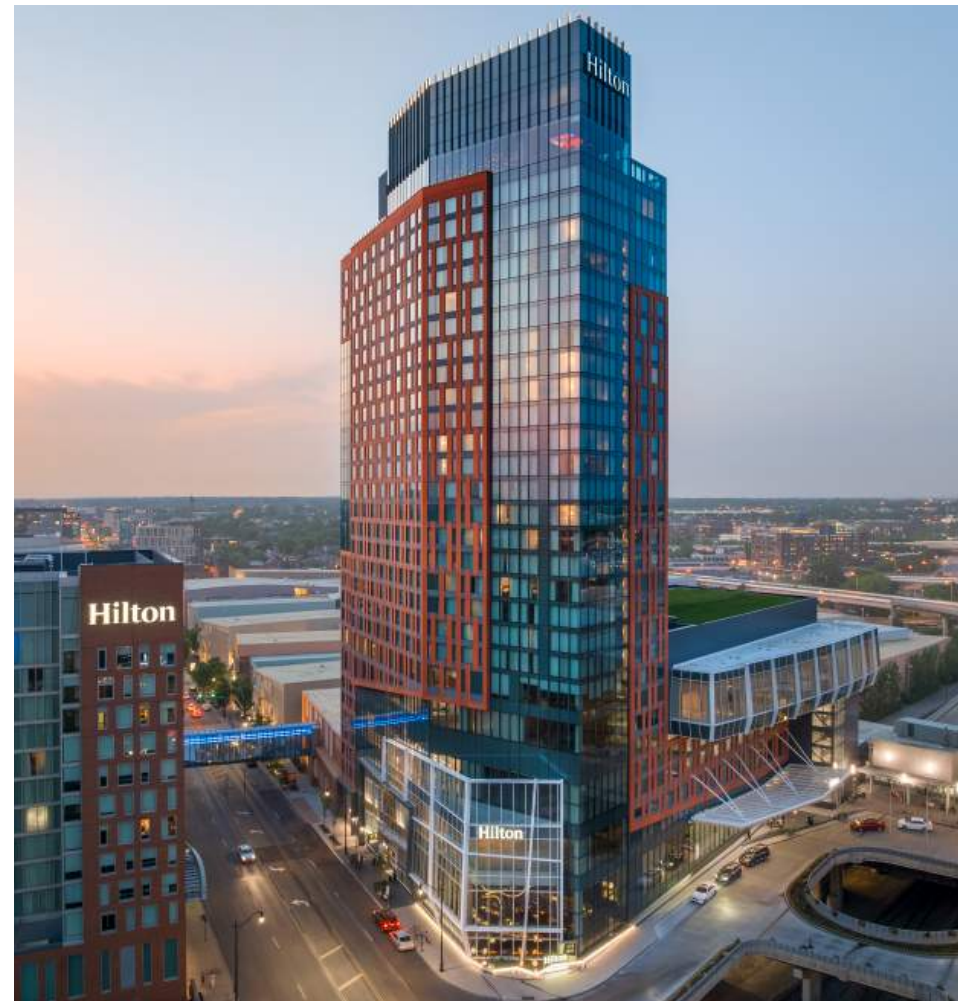
Completion Date: 2023

Role of Candidate: Associate Architect and Design Team Member

Mentorship Impact: 14 Mentees led key roles in project

Challenge: Elevate The City of Columbus, Ohio to prominence on a national level by attracting large format conventions that require an adjacent 1,000 key hotel. Advance the image of the city with an impactful building shaping the skyline.

Outcome: After being overlooked for multiple national conventions, Columbus, Ohio sought to offer a large format, signature hotel to attract organizations seeking a venue of this caliber. The hotel is the tallest building in Columbus in over 40 years providing a striking update to the image of the city. The project team included over 40 members, in this joint venture approach Meyers partnered with acclaimed hospitality architect Cooper Carry to create a 29 story project with multiple restaurants, rooftop bar, banquet and social spaces.



THE CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL | COLUMBUS, OHIO

Impact:

- Mentorship of a team greater than Meyers own staff led to advanced interactions with emerging design professionals in 2 other firms involved.
- The project has transformed the city and its potential for massive economic impact for conventions and activating the urban core of the city.
- The hotel utilized over 2,400 construction workers and employees over 600, the building was designed and constructed in 36 months mainly during the COVID-19 pandemic, this alone saved thousands of jobs in the community.
- The Building is LEED Gold and boasts the largest green roof in Ohio.
- Mentees gained skillsets in joint venture collaboration with national firms and developed systematic efficiencies in design and document production.

Honors and Awards

Harrison W. Smith Award, Building of the Year Columbus Commission | 2022

Project of the Year, *Columbus Business First* Building Columbus Awards | 2023

AGC Build Ohio, Building of the Year | 2023

Top Building Honors, Hilton Hotels International | 2022

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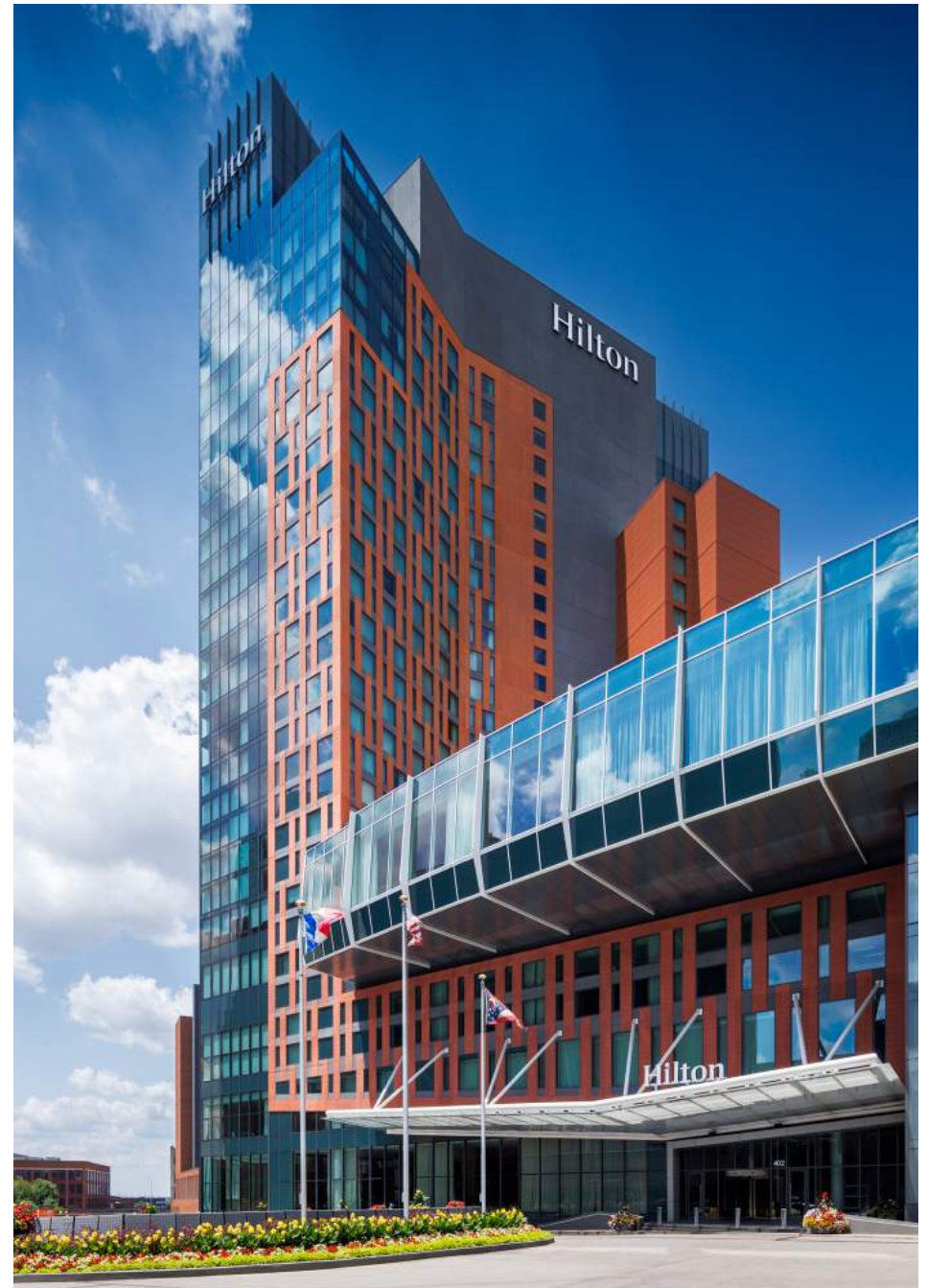
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LANSING TRANSFORMATION | LANSING, MICHIGAN

Design Firm: Meyers+Associates Architecture

Architect of Record: Meyers+Associates Architecture

Completion Date: 2023

Role of Candidate: Design Leadership and Principal-in-Charge

Mentorship Impact: 8 Mentees led key roles in project

Challenge: Solve an environmental crisis with a development that supports regional economic benefits and engages with the adjacent University.

Outcome: The Red Cedar Valley created a constant challenge when it would flood the overall region. The development team created a significant environmental improvement mitigating the challenged storm water system with bio swales, wetlands and storage basins dissipating the water flow to manageable levels. This solution then offered the opportunity to provide a mixed use development including student housing, senior housing, retail, restaurants, hotels and additional commuter parking for Michigan State University.

Meyers led the development for site design and the hotel portion of the project. The hotel is a dual brand Marriott AC Hotel and a Hyatt House. This combination of competing brands is very uncommon but through the vast hospitality experience, the firm was able to successfully navigate the challenge.

The unique attribute of the hotel is that it integrates with the Hospitality Management degree program at the University and serves as a learning lab and employment offering for active students who learn operations through active engagement.

Meyers and his team enhanced the project design attributes to add elements that integrated with the academic needs of the program. The building also combines many elements that engage with the community including a signature restaurant and street side cafe.

Mentorship in practice is exemplified through the teams participation and role in working through complex environmental challenges, competing brands, University standards and expectations and also through implementing the overall project construction.

The project serves as an opportunity to mentor a myriad of young professionals in architecture, interior design, environmental engineering but also financial strategists, construction and hospitality focused emerging professionals as well. This collaboration guides experience and compels their methods in practice.



Joel Ferguson
Michigan State University Trustee



LANSING TRANSFORMATION | LANSING, MICHIGAN



Impact:

- Solved a devastating environmental water management challenge.
- Mentees experienced a wide range of diverse project development engagements.
- Created an opportunity for The Michigan State University Hospitality degree program to train and co-operatively employ and mentor hundreds of students.
- Meyers led staff through the process of collaborating with other architects simultaneously developing adjacent projects mentoring the benefit of collaboration and unifying architectural solutions with other design teams.

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Frank Kass

Chief Executive Officer
Continental Real Estate

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THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE | COLUMBUS, OHIO

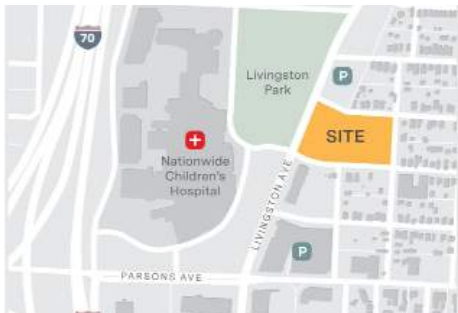
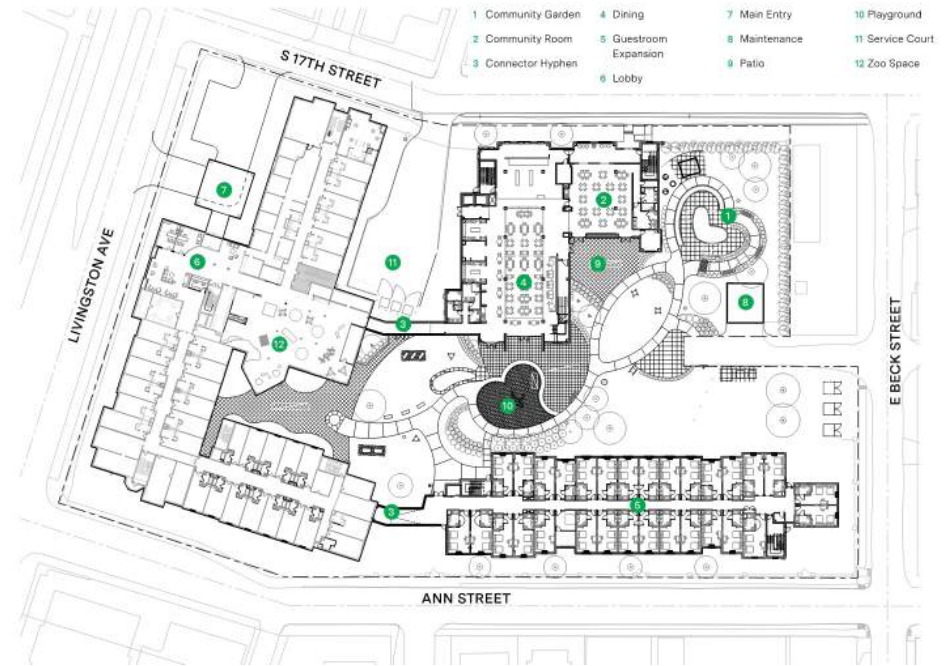
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Architect of Record: Meyers+Associates Architecture
Completion Date: 2023
Role of Candidate: Design Leadership and Principal-in-Charge
Mentorship Impact: 8 Mentees led key roles in project

Challenge: Expand the facility into the surrounding neighborhood and provide amenity spaces for dining, gathering, support along with long term stay guest rooms for families struggling with life altering situations.

Outcome: Adjacent to a premier Children's Hospital and an active park (by Meyers), the project creates the largest Ronald McDonald House in the world. The charitable organization offers no cost housing for families with children at the hospital undergoing major medical challenges. The facility expansion integrates with the existing building but also required significant adaptive alterations to the existing layout.

The project include working closely with a wide range of corporate and private sponsors and developing designed interior themes relative to their organization for a family focused environment. The building provides community gathering space for the surrounding neighborhood and also for the wide range of fund raising events to support the mission of the charity.

Meyers mentorship focused practice was sought after for their empathetic approach to the needs of the organization and ability to provide a design solution that solves the required needs but also integrates seamlessly to the community surrounding the site. Their hospitality experience also elevated the entire facility to a higher standard to support families through their struggles at a challenging and difficult time in their life.



THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE | COLUMBUS, OHIO

Impact:

- Provides supportive functions and guest room accommodations to hundreds of families in need.
- Integrates positively to the adjacent residential community, working closely with residents to satisfy any concerns on the impacts to the neighborhood.
- Mentees were able to engage in both the practice of architecture but also in attributes of community activism and charitable awareness.
- All participants in the project development continue to be engaged with the organization supporting the charity through routine volunteer efforts.
- By offering the support of the facility, the adjacent Children's Hospital is able to continue to expand offerings to patients from around the world to receive life saving care knowing that the patients family will have supportive housing directly adjacent to the hospital.
- All members of the project team had a profound experience and new awareness of the impact they have in design and the practice of architecture in support of others.
- At the Ronald McDonald House Columbus, the largest in the world, Success is measured in the number of nights of rest that are provided. In 2023, The House provided an impactful 89,187 hours of rest to those in need.

Honors and Awards

Best neighborhood impact, *Columbus Business First Building Columbus Awards* | 2024

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Dee Anders

CEO and Executive Director
Ronald McDonald House Charities



'We are incredibly grateful to Chris Meyers for the remarkable work he and his team did on our Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio. Chris led his team with every individual giving 150% to ensure the success of this project. Chris's dedication was evident not only in the beautiful and thoughtful spaces designed to comfort our families but also in the way that he and his team became part of our community immersing themselves in our mission. His mentorship and commitment to guiding stewardship of his team, using their talents for a cause as important as ours has been truly inspiring. We couldn't have asked for a better partner to help us create a home-away-from-home for the families we serve.'

Dee Anders

CEO and Executive Director, Ronald McDonald House Charities

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