## AIA FLORIDA FELLOWSHIP CANDIDATES

Fellowship in the AIA is the highest honor a member can receive with the exception of the Gold Medal. A member who has been elevated to the College of Fellows is recognized for a career that has been one of distinction. Currently there are about 120 Fellows in Florida. That puts us well behind California (over 450) and New York (over 350). Being fairly competitive, we would like to see Florida's numbers tick up.

AIA Florida is blessed with an abundance of professionals who have careers that have and continue to effect our profession, our communities and society in general. Many of our members may or may not be aware that the Florida/Caribbean Regional Representatives to the College are here to help you. If you have had a career that may qualify for elevation we would like to assist you. If you are unsure, it does not hurt to speak with us to see how you can qualify.

There are now six Objects that qualify for elevation. You can view them under <a href="https://www.aia.org/awards/7076fellowship">https://www.aia.org/awards/7076fellowship</a>. If you are a seasoned architect and feel you are deserving of Fellowship, please either contact your Chapter President or one of us to discuss the possibilities.

If you are an emerging professional and Fellowship is a career goal you will strive to obtain, we can be of help. Emerging professionals - document everything you do. Photos, copies of agendas where you are listed as an important presenter, anything that shows you have skills that can be transferred (we call it the "ripple effect") to other professionals. As an emerging professional, you will need to be an AIA member for a minimum of ten years - it goes by fast.

If you plan to submit to be a part of the 2022 class, submissions are due in mid-October. Now is the time to begin to get you're your data together.

You may contact us at your leisure.

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