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## **Kirby of EYP elected to Fellow of AIA**

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Charles Kirby, academic planning & design expert at EYP Architecture & Engineering, has been elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). The Fellowship program was developed to elevate those architects who have made a significant contribution to architecture and society and who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession.

Kirby has more than three decades of experience in the design of college and university facilities with a focus on undergraduate and graduate teaching and research and distance learning facilities. His campus buildings intrigue, welcome, and encourage college students to become science majors, inspired collaborators, and America's next generation of scientists. Kirby's pioneering research advances how institutions use architecture to achieve their mission.

Kirby's award-winning projects include the Unified Science Center at Hamilton College and the Integrated Science Center at the College of the Holy Cross. He is an author and frequent lecturer on the special challenges and issues of designing for higher education at prominent industry organizations including the Society of College and University Planners (SCUP), Project Kaleidoscope, and Tradeline. His participation in the national dialogue advances the evolution of science learning and teaching environments.

Commented EYP vice president, design and expertise Leila Kamal, AIA, LEED AP, "Charles' acceptance into the prestigious College of Fellows clearly demonstrates that he is one of architecture's most respected and revered experts who is elevating the profession to new levels, especially in the area of college and university science facilities. His innovative designs, strategic thinking, outstanding record of award-winning design work, and national acclaim made him a natural choice for this important honor." She said, "All of us at EYP are thrilled for Charles."

The 2013 Jury of Fellows from the AIA elevated only 122 AIA members to its prestigious College of Fellows. Out of a total AIA membership of over 80,000, there are 3,000 members distinguished with this honor. The 2013 Fellows will be honored at an investiture ceremony in June at the 2013 National AIA Convention in Denver.

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