

Women in Architecture Awards

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The AIA Connecticut Women in Architecture Award honors registered and practicing female architects in Connecticut who demonstrate design excellence, promote equitable & sustainable practice, and are affecting change in the profession.

Congratulations to the 2021 Women in Architecture Awardee: Katelyn Chapin, AIA!



Katelyn Chapin, AIA

Associate, Svigals + Partners

Driven to build strong communities and the greater architecture profession where she lives and works, Katelyn took on early leadership roles working with college peers, helping her cultivate a talent for expanding the reach of professional organizations, and for creating and fostering communities through a focus on excellent teamwork, sharing, and play.

Katelyn is a community builder, advancing the profession through community-focused leadership, engaging clients in meaningful collaboration through team-building activities, and inspiring the next generation of architects.

Through her encouragement of stakeholder participation, as practiced by Svigals + Partners' inclusive client engagement process, Katelyn is helping increase diverse voices in the design process. Her professional contributions are relied on to enhance the firm's work in built environments that meet the mission of the community where the building serves, such as the nationally recognized LEED Gold Sandy Hook School, LEED Gold University of New Haven Bergami Center, and innovative STEM school Engineering & Science University Magnet School.



During the Sandy Hook School design process, Katelyn co-led collaborative programming and visioning workshops for a 50-person multi-stakeholder group of community members. At each meeting, she led opening activities to set the tone, and fostered equal participation among attendees. This process produced valuable insights for the design direction, while building support and consensus.



As a member of the AIA New England Council and as the Young Architect Regional Director (YARD) of New England, Katelyn developed and implemented the AIA New England Emerging Professional Friendly Firm Program (EPFF) and integrated it into the slate of annual regional awards. The survey-based program identifies which firms best support emerging



Katelyn is Director of KidsBuild!, a pro-bono mentorship program developed by Svigals + Partners to educate children about the design, construction, and maintenance of their new school buildings through hands-on workshops, site visits, and interactions with the design team. She has introduced more than 300 students to the process of design and construction since 2012.

2021 Women in Architecture Award Jury



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