



## **Beinetti of SWBR earns award; Buchholz earns CDT and Cahill now licensed in NY**

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David Beinetti

Rochester, NY According to SWBR, principal and CMO David Beinetti, AIA, has been awarded the Frederic Schwartz Community Development Award by The New York State American Institute of Architects.

The Community Development Award recognizes projects and individuals who have had a significant and positive impact to the built environment in the state. Throughout his more than 40-year career, Beinetti has been dedicated to positively impacting the built environment, whether it be through his impressive design portfolio or his dedication to community development and service.

“Dave has been a leader in community impacts for his entire professional career,” Tom Gears, AIA, president of SWBR said. “This is a fitting recognition of his efforts to positively impact lives.”

Beinetti’s contribution to New York State’s architectural landscape extends beyond his design portfolio of high-profile projects for higher education, corporate, and industrial clients. He is a passionate advocate for sustainable design and has helped lead SWBR to embrace sustainability within its design work and culture and is a founding member of the Rochester Sustainability Collaborative. For more than 20 years, Beinetti has worked to raise awareness of the importance of environmental stewardship and sustainability - with a specific focus on businesses and individuals and the decisions they make daily that affect our environment.

Beinetti is also deeply committed to making a positive impact on the community, both in the City of Rochester and throughout the State of New York. He has participated in multiple professional and community organizations during his career, providing a substantial impact on the built environment. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, and a previous Board Chair for the Rochester Downtown Development Corporation, where he worked to promote the city’s urban redevelopment. As a Board Member for the Monroe Community College Foundation, Beinetti is committed to raising scholarship money for students that otherwise might not have the opportunity to attend college. Other professional and charitable organizations he is involved with include the City of Rochester Project Review Committee, the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Development Association Upstate NY Chapter, Design Build Institute of

America Upstate NY chapter, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Refuge Rochester Refugee Resettlement Program.

Beinetti earned his Bachelor of Architecture and Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Syracuse University and the Architectural Association, School of Architecture, London, England.

Matthew Buchholz

In addition, SWBR project designer Matthew Buchholz recently earned his certification in Construction Documents Technology (CDT).

A CDT provides a comprehensive overview for professionals who write, interpret, enforce or manage construction documents, specifically project architects, contractors, contract administrators, material suppliers and manufacturers' representatives. Once one completes and passes the CDT exam, they're able to perform their jobs more effectively and improve communications between all members of a construction team.

Employees who go through the CDT program are among the highly respected group of construction professionals and are known in the industry for their expertise, especially in the writing and management of construction documents. Buchholz is a versatile designer that assists with educational assessment reports, master planning, pre-referendum planning, renderings, and project documentation on many of the firm's education projects.

He earned his associates in Architectural Design from Finger Lakes Community College and his bachelors in Architectural Engineering Technology from Alfred State College. Buchholz has been with SWBR since 2017.

Shirah Kasongo Cahill

Also, SWBR's Shirah Kasongo Cahill has completed her four-part licensing exam and is now a registered landscape architect in the state.

As part of SWBR's landscape architecture team, Cahill specializes in urban design and planning, neighborhood design, affordable housing, assisted living, and neighborhood design projects. Her responsibilities include refinement, design exploration and construction documentation, approvals, construction administration, and community outreach.

Cahill earned a bachelor of Fine Arts from York University of Toronto, Ontario, and a master of Landscape Architecture from SUNY Environmental College of Science and Forestry in Syracuse. She earned her LEED Green Associate accreditation in 2017 and resides in Rochester.

