



Professional Women in Construction NY honors “20 Under 40”

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Manhattan, NY The New York chapter of Professional Women in Construction (PWC-NY) is a nonprofit organization that connects women and promotes diversity within the architecture, engineering, construction and related fields. PWC NY offers informative industry programming, exclusive member resources, and leadership and networking opportunities.

Each year PWC's board of directors recognizes twenty women under the age of 40 who are excelling in their careers in the AEC industry. The 2024 "20 under 40 Outstanding Women in Construction" recipients were awarded during PWC's holiday event in December.

“The women honored are making great strides at a young age,” said Gina Rivera, executive director of PWC NY. “Celebrating their accomplishments is an ideal way to raise awareness about the many opportunities for women in AEC.”

After a record-breaking number of submissions for 2024, the PWC NY “20 under 40” honorees named are:

- Danielle Bedetti, senior associate, Syska Hennessy Group
- Kacey Belair, project manager, Skanska USA Civil
- Sophie Buttiens, principal, Ewing Cole
- Danei Cesario, AIA, RIB, senior project manager, owner’s representative, Group PMX
- Mabel Chedid, senior consultant, geotechnical engineer, WSP USA
- Maria De Bonis, engineering technical director, NV5
- Maria (Masha) Drozdov, AIA, NCARB, architect, aviation planner, Gensler
- Ashley Finamore, corporate controller, Gramercy Group Inc.
- Molly Glenn, director of special inspections, EP inspections and commissioning, EPIC
- Courtney Heslin, sales and marketing manager, Gilbane Building Company
- Nancy Jain, senior project manager, Plaza Construction
- Megan Kinneen, project manager, Evergreene Architectural Arts
- Lauren Kwon, business development engineer, Turner Construction Company
- Victoria Magayah, PE, project manager, Enovate Engineering
- Lindsay Moschler, civil engineer and project manager, AECOM
- Caitlin Ormsbee, PMP, INCE Bd. Cert., assoc. principal, Trinity/Cerami–Longman Lindsey
- Maria Prokuronova, superintendent, Barr & Barr
- Samantha Ruttura-Mack, president, Our Rental Pumps
- Elizabeth Staryak, senior project manager, STV

- Sarah Sun, project manager, design & construction, Netflix Inc.

“We support young professionals in the AEC industry with mentorship and scholarship programs throughout the year,” said PWC board president Schillivia Baptiste. “The 20 under 40 award is another expression of our commitment to encouraging the next generation.”

PWC membership is open to professional women and men, private companies and public agencies in construction and allied industries. Members represent a broad spectrum of businesses including general construction and specialty contractors, architectural and engineering firms, environmental services, suppliers, real estate development, and property management. Because the core client industries have many needs, PWC also draws representatives from the services sector: law and accounting firms, insurance and bonding companies, banks and financial services, graphic designers, printers, computer consultants, travel agencies, marketing specialists and more. For more information about Professional Women in Construction, visit www.pwc-ny.org.

The PWC holiday event was supported by Gold Sponsors AECOM, Gramercy Group, Skanska, and STV; Silver Sponsors AECOM Tishman, HNTB and WSP; and Bronze Sponsors Amaracon Testing and Inspections, Inc, Barr & Barr, Bravo Inc., Broadway Builders, Environmental Code Consultants Inc., M To-Pros and Turner Construction Company.

Event co-chairs include Rosemary Bates, director, design & construction, Rockefeller Group; Jenny Freeman, managing director of buildings, Group PMX; Gia Mainiero, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, assoc. DBIA, principal, Dattner Architects; and Elizabeth Thompson, PE, vice president, civil department manager, AECOM.

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