



# ACHA QUARTERLY SPRING



## Spring 2021

### President's Message – Angela Mazzi, FAIA, FACHA

What a great time to be a healthcare architect! 2020 was a huge disruptor, but disruption is the catalyst for change. It requires our creative skills to think beyond the status quo and imagine what's possible. Healthcare design has been spotlighted in the mainstream media as we reexamine sites of care, safety protocols, stress, and burnout. We're using this opportunity to showcase ACHA as an organization of thought leaders. It is my goal to provide opportunities for certificants to be engaged in initiatives that are impactful and relevant within and outside of the world of healthcare and harness our collective expertise.



So far, we have a lot to celebrate. We started 2021 with an article published January 6 in the Business section of the New York Times that featured four of our certificants and highlighted the importance of the built environment in fostering healing. We've also had several certificants publish articles in major healthcare publications- our Communications and Outreach Committee is making sure these get posted to our social media channels. If you haven't already, read these articles and drop the writers (your ACHA Colleagues) a note. Be sure to follow us on Twitter ([@ACHA\\_Info](#)) and join our

LinkedIn Group ([American College of Healthcare Architects](#)) so you don't miss valuable information and networking opportunities.

We also continue to look for ways to promote the importance of Certification. Our Career Path Committee is exploring strategies to enroll young professionals as candidates and help them along the path to certification. For the first time, Certification applicants can choose whether to text first or have their portfolio reviewed first and are expecting a record number of applicants thanks to our Fellow's Challenge where we asked each Fellow to identify three people and help them move through the process.

It's important to the Board to develop more ways to harness your talents and promote our expertise as a collective through ACHA channels. We are also building connections with allied organizations like the Beryl Institute and the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), while continuing to strengthen our partnership with the American Society of Healthcare Engineers (ASHE).

One example is the Future of Healthcare Task Force (my pet project), which includes representatives from all three of these organizations. I'm proud of the work this group is doing to advance a new healthcare paradigm that focusses on improving access to care and can't wait to present their findings at this year's Summer

Leadership Summit. The two deep-dive workshops we held allowed 20 additional certificants to participate in this groundbreaking effort.

Look for us to pivot to more task force and workshop-based initiatives in addition to the work standing committees. We want to give all of you

a chance to be engaged, even if you only have a few hours to devote each year. Certification is far more than a few more postnominal initials. Contact us to learn how we can help you leverage your skills and expertise while connecting to fellow thought leaders and influencers in healthcare architecture.

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## **ACHA Certificants Making an Impact!**

As an ACHA Certificant you know (and your clients know) – we are at the heart of change in the industry. Check-out these news items reporting on the activities of your ACHA colleagues:

- **ACHA Certificant, Scot Latimer** - Read a new report from @Gensler on the biggest trends reshaping offices and health spaces, such as expanded flexibility and design encouraging collaboration, including insights from (via @Fast Company).
- **ACHA Certificant, Diana Anderson**, will serve as a keynote speaker at the upcoming Heapy Symposium on Sustainability in Health Care's March 25 online event - presenting on data and evidence-based design research highlighting the importance of the built environment in medical care.
- **ACHA Certificant, Jason Schroer** - How do you build a pandemic-resilient hospital? According to experts like Jason, the approach involves seven key principles: versatility, surge ready, support of well-being, clean air and surfaces, isolation, flow, and digital innovation. Read more here.
- **ACHA Fellow, Sheila Cahnman** - In this @Healthcare Design Magazine article, Sheila reflects on the closing of St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul, Minn., offering potential reasons for its failure from a design perspective. Learn why she urges that healthcare design professionals confront the adaptability of their projects for the unforeseeable.

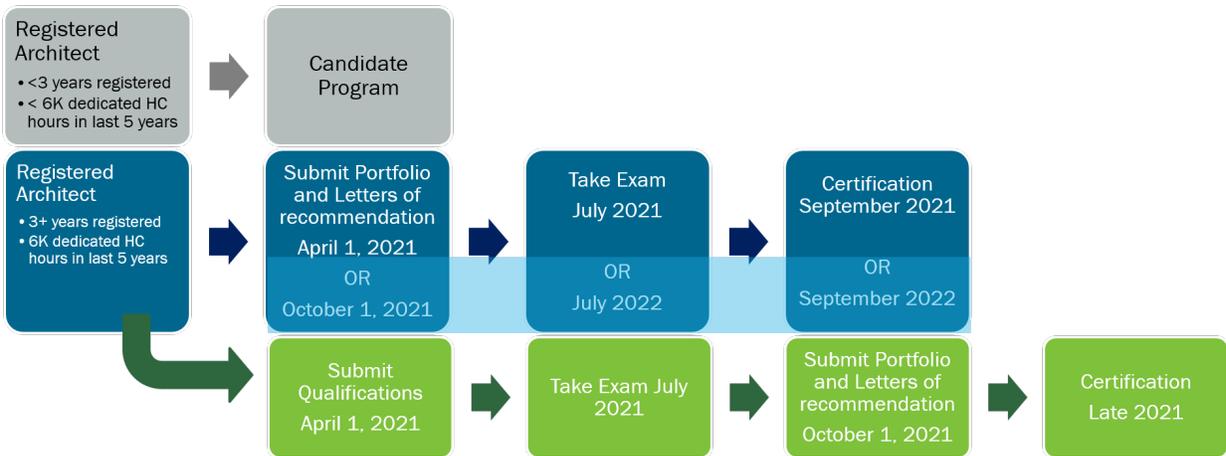
If you are not making news at the moment, then share what you do see and what news you do hear about your fellow ACHA Certificants via social media sites such as LinkedIn or Twitter. And remember to mention that you too are an ACHA Certificant, and we all are on the Move!

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## **Don't Wait for ACHA Certification**

As ACHA Certified healthcare architects, we all have friends, colleagues and even clients who share our passion for healthcare design, and share our experience and talent to make great things happen in the industry. Help them take that next step by reaching out to them to consider healthcare design certification through ACHA via either pathway, Candidate or Applicant.

## PATHS TO CERTIFICATION



The processes have never been easier. Don't delay sharing this information with those you would be honored to call ACHA colleagues.