

1.0 Summary of Achievements

David Bailey has dedicated his career to crafting architecture that integrates conceptually driven design, innovative environmental strategies, and contextual relevance that seeks a greater purpose in order to foster genuine connections amongst communities.

Design Excellence

David's 30-year career is characterized by a dedication to meticulously crafting architectural responses to design opportunities. As a Design Principal at HASTINGS Architecture he led the firm's growth from 12 persons in 2000, to today's 100-person design and sustainability champion that has been a driving force in the transformation of the fabric of Nashville.

Community engagement and leadership have been both personal and firm hallmarks; David feels a deep obligation to improving cities, neighborhoods, and lives through exceptional design. Evading rigid stylistic constraints, his discerning eye and contextually-responsive, concept-driven design philosophy has provided flexibility and introspection allowing for tailored responses to every challenge. This approach has yielded a portfolio characterized by the fusion of aesthetic inventiveness and functional ingenuity. Each project becomes evidence of his unwavering desire to make positive design, environmental and community contributions.

Recognition with honors at the highest levels, such as earning Chicago Athenaeum Awards for both the Historic Library transformation and the MBA Athletics and Wellness Center, and others from AIA Gulf States, AIA Tennessee, and AIA Middle Tennessee underscore David's commitment to design excellence. He has achieved an ability to convey architectural concepts in built form while integrating advanced levels of sustainable design at various scales and typologies.

David's relentless push and pursuit of design excellence within his firm has contributed toward Nashville emerging as a design-focused city that now has wide-ranging impact and visibility.

Sustainability

David Bailey's commitment to sustainable design, reducing environmental impact, optimizing energy efficiency, and promoting sustainable design has distinguished the firm's design work, set regional standards, and helped clients realize extraordinary goals, whether for a single project, a development portfolio, or across a campus.

As a partner at HASTINGS Architecture, David led the design of the firm's former office at 127 3rd Avenue South, which was amongst the first 250 LEED Certified buildings in the world, and the first private certification in Tennessee.

This office served as an experiment and learning opportunity for the firm and was also an example for clients and the community. David went on to team with a local councilman to draft and pass Nashville's LEED ordinance in 2007, which has since served as a model for other communities. Soon thereafter, Bailey formalized the firm's sustainability expertise with its greenSTUDIO sustainability consulting, certifying over 150 projects to date.

Sensing the opportunity to press design forward and set a new highwater mark for sustainability, he was able to convince Metro Nashville leadership of this possibility with the award-winning Bridge Building. This progressive thinking resulted in the adaptation of a 1905 structure that became public art and the highest point achieving LEED Platinum Core and Shell project following its 2012 completion. David's leadership in sustainable design has seen the certification of over 25 projects as design principal, demonstrating the value of forward-thinking, innovative design.

Community Impact

With a visionary approach that intertwines design excellence, sustainable principles, and community integration, his work serves as a blueprint for transformative impact. His architectural endeavors, ranging from revitalizing historic landmarks or crafting innovative educational spaces to environmentally sensitive master plans designed to connect small and large groups, consistently reflect a deep understanding of the intricate relationships between built environments and their communities.

David's projects have proven to be catalysts for positive change, revitalizing underutilized spaces and breathing new life into neighborhoods. His emphasis on sustainable design not only reduces environmental impact but also promotes a healthier and more resilient community. From incorporating green roofs and renewable energy sources to embracing rainwater harvesting and energy-efficient systems, his designs prioritize the well-being of both inhabitants and the planet.

In each project, David's relentless pursuit of community betterment is evident, with designs that reflect the unique spirit of the people and places they inhabit. His focus as an architect dedicated to designing for communities shines brightly through his transformative works, which have not only improved physical spaces but have also nurtured a sense of belonging, pride, and collective progress. He has helped define Nashville as a design-focused city and has woven new architecture into the fabric of neighborhoods, establishing vibrant and enduring connections that breathe life into urban landscapes and enrich the lives of those who experience his works.