



Chris Dawson AIA, LEED AP BD+C

Principal-In-Charge / 15 Years at CDA / Architect / RA015137X



Profile

Chris Dawson founded **Chris Dawson Architect** in 2009 on the heels of 15 years of experience in Central Pennsylvania. He is a Syracuse University graduate with work that is consistently recognized by the AIA with design awards (18 from 2009-2021). He is passionate about architecture and holds a deep-seeded belief that architecture is art. In 2020, AIA PA recognized Chris's commitment to "creating a better world through innovative, scalable and measurable solutions" with the Impact Designer Award.

Education

Cornell University Introduction to Architecture, 1987
Syracuse University, B.Arch, 1993
Harvard University, Leadership Seminar, 2008

Affiliations

Registered Architect - Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1998 - Present
Registered Architect - State of Ohio, 2018 - Present
Registered Architect - State of Oklahoma, 2019 - Present
Registered Architect - State of West Virginia, 2022 - Present
Registered Architect - State of Florida, 2022 - Present
Member - American Institute of Architects (AIA), 1994 - Present
Board Member - AIA PA, 2014 - 2019
President - Central PA AIA Chapter, 2010 - 2011 / Board Member, 2005 - Present
AIA PA Regional Representative - AIA National Small Firm Exchange, 2019 - Present
Chairman - Central PA AIA Lecture Series, 2005 - 2014, 2019 - Present
LEED AP BD+C U.S. Green Building Council, 2007 - Present
Board Member - ACE Mentoring Central PA Chapter, 2007 - 2013

Key Past Projects

PA State Museum - Paver Repair / Replacement, 2023
Milton Hershey School Environmental Center Study, 2021 - 2022
Harrisburg City Hall Renovations, 2020, **AIA Award**
Hershey Public Library New Family Entrance & Interior Renovations, 2020, **AIA Award**
West Shore Theatre Renovations, 2018, 2020, **Multiple Awards**
Watkins Residence, 2020, **AIA Award**
Hidden Still Distillery & Restaurant, 2020, **AIA Award**
Elementary Coffee Co., 2019, **AIA Awards, Preservation Award**
Penn State Harrisburg - 24/7 Study, 2019, **AIA Award**
AIA Pennsylvania Design for Better New Cumberland, 2019, **ASAE Power of A Gold Award**
International Architecture Competition Amber Road Trekking Cabins, 2017, **Multiple Awards**
Milton Hershey School Office of The President Suite Renovations, 2017, **AIA Award**
International Design Competition Lamborghini Road Monument, 2016, **Gold Mention / 4th place**
Fifteen @ Twenty-Two / Keystone Building Residential Conversion, 2015 - 2016, **AIA Award**
Dance Studio - Garage Bay Renovation, 2015, **AIA Award**
Susquehanna Art Museum Exhibit Design, 2014 - 2016
Forum & Finance Building Renovations, 2012 - 2015
Mexitaly 2.0, 2013, **AIA Award**
Hershey Volunteer Fire Company, 2012, **AIA Award**