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The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) elevated **Mary Bates**, formerly of Orlando, to the [ASLA Council of Fellows](#). Fellowship is among the highest honors the ASLA bestows on members and recognizes the contributions of these individuals to their profession and society at large based on their works, leadership and management, knowledge, and service. The 2015 class of 37 new fellows will be recognized at the [2015 ASLA Annual Meeting & Expo, November 6-9 in Chicago](#).

Mary Bates, of DHM Design, received her nomination, for Service, from the Florida Chapter. Selfless commitment to leadership and service has made Bates a profound influence on the careers of students and professionals alike. She is a strong mentor and role model who has broadened public awareness of landscape architecture and introduced the next generation to the profession. She continues to work with nonprofit organizations, Cub Scouts and elementary schools to bring her passion for the outdoor environment to hundreds of students, educators, administrators, community professionals and parents, all of whom now realize the value of landscape architecture. Her service within the Florida Chapter and national ASLA includes 13 creatively programmed state annual conferences and 8 terms on the ASLA Leadership Development Committee. Her efforts have been so successful that by 2013, 65 percent of the Florida Chapter's revenue was generated through events that she led.

Mary is originally from Highland, IN and graduated with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from Ball State University.

The designation of Fellow is conferred on individuals in recognition of exceptional accomplishments over a sustained period of time. Individuals considered for this distinction must be full members of ASLA in good standing for at least ten years and must be recommended to the Council of Fellows by the Executive Committee of their local chapter, the Executive Committee of ASLA, or the Executive Committee of the Council of Fellows.



Mary Bates
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