Honoring Mickey Jacob, FAIA, Hon. FRAIC: Jacob is vice president of architecture at Goodwyn Mills Cawood in Tampa. He has been practicing architecture for over 40 years after graduating from the University of Detroit School of Architecture. As a design professional who embodies the role of Citizen Architect, Mickey’s commitment to service beyond self has been the driving force behind his extensive AIA and community leadership participation. In addition to his service in many community and charitable organizations, he has actively participated in the AIA since 1982. Mickey served as president of AIA Florida 2004-2005, and the AIA Florida/Caribbean regional director on the AIA National Board of Directors 2007-2009. He held the office of AIA vice president in 2009-2011 and was elected by the AIA membership to lead the Institute as the 2013 AIA president, only the second person from Florida to hold this position.

Overview: The goal of JLI Leadership Program is to train and cultivate the next generation of leaders in architecture.

Beginning in January, training sessions will be held once a month for six months, with a combination of in-person and virtual training. A graduation ceremony will be held at AIA Florida’s annual convention.

Curriculum: The curriculum focuses on core professional skills, starting with self-assessment and continues with transformational and motivational leadership, building an organizational culture, influencing stakeholders and other tools to enhance personal and professional development.

Bonus: National and international leaders in various fields are invited as guest speakers to share experiences from their own journey to successful leadership.

Program Schedule: Sessions will be held the second Friday of each month, between 12-4 p.m. Eastern, and each session will be delivered either in person or virtually. To ensure a quality experience for all students, hybrid training (i.e. concurrent in person and virtual) will not be allowed.

Tentative 2022 Training Schedule
- Jan. 14 – In person
- Feb. 11 – Virtual
- March 11 – In person
- April 8 – Virtual
- May 13 – In person
- June 10 – Virtual
- July TBD – Graduation at the AIA Florida Convention
Commitment to the Program: The program’s success is directly related to student participation. Attendance is mandatory. Each participant will submit a commitment letter signed by them and their sponsor. Each student will be allowed one excused absence. More than one absence will result in removal from the program, with no refund.

Application Process: Applicants must be AIA members. Applications will be vetted and selected on a first come, first served basis. Spots will not be held until applications and supporting documents are received by AIA Florida staff.

Application Deadline: 11:59 p.m. Eastern, Dec. 1, 2021

Notification of Acceptance: Dec. 17, 2021

Tuition: $725 due upon notice of acceptance into the program. This can be paid by the individual, mentor, component, firm or others.