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Necia Bonner earns prestigious Certified Healthcare Interior Designer (CHID) credential

HOUSTON, TEXAS — Necia Bonner, Director of Healthcare Interiors at Kirksey Architecture, recently passed the American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers (AAHID) examination and earned the prestigious Certified Healthcare Interior Designer (CHID) certificate.

Passage of the examination and earning the CHID credential signifies that Necia has met the standards for education, experience, and examination and is a certified healthcare interior designer. The CHID examination is a rigorous assessment requiring examinees to demonstrate competence in a variety of aspects that affect the healthcare interior environment. The examination covers acute care, ambulatory care and residential healthcare facilities.

“AAHID is the standard to identify those interior designers who are uniquely qualified to meet the needs and challenges of the healthcare interior design industry,” explains AAHID President, Libby Laguta, CHID, EDAC, ACHE, of L2D Interior Design in Charleston, SC. “The CHID certificate is the highest appellation available for a healthcare interior design professional, and this credential is what every healthcare facility should look for when choosing an interior designer.”

“We are extremely excited and proud that Necia has just earned the CHID certification,” says David McLemore, Director of Healthcare Projects and Executive Vice President at Kirksey Architecture. “This important milestone credential underscores her passion for designing spaces of wellbeing for our community as well as our firm’s commitment to ensuring that our valued clients and their patients have access to the most qualified interior designer professionals possible.”

Necia graduated from the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design and has worked in the interior design field for 20 years. In her current position with Kirksey, she is responsible for designing interior healthcare spaces to create an efficient place of treatment and healing for clients.

Certified Healthcare Interior Designers are distinguished and qualified by education, examination, and work experience to practice healthcare interior design. The CHID appellation recognizes excellence, commitment, and knowledge. It further distinguishes preeminent healthcare interior designers from other architects, designers, decorators, and interior designers. More information about the organization may be found at www.aahid.org.



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