

Michael Rogers is well respected for his community service and professional accomplishments. He has been a professional architect for over 35 years.

He has practiced architecture and construction at McDonald's Corporation for more than 32 years. He has worked on design and construction projects that have produced more than 1000 built restaurant structures throughout the United States and Canada, including numerous locations in our local communities. In 1997, he received the company's coveted President's Award recognizing the top 1% of the fortune 500 company's employees worldwide.

In 1994, he became President of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) at the young age of 34. He had previously served nationally as the NOMA Vice President, Midwest Regional Vice President, and NOMA Convention Chair for the National convention held in Chicago. For the Illinois NOMA Chapter he held the positions of President, Vice President, and Secretary after joining as a student member in 1980. He is currently National President of the NOMA Foundation a philanthropic and educational support organization for the architectural community.



Michael is a 1983 graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago with a degree in Architecture and in 1995 obtained a certificate in Construction Management from Triton College. He holds architectural licenses in Illinois and Wisconsin.

He is also the past President of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Illinois where in 2010 was the first African American to ever serve in that role. He has served the Northeast Illinois Chapter as Director, Vice-President, President (2002), and has chaired its Public Awareness and Nominations committees. He was the first to receive the AIA Illinois Nothnagel Award for Public Service and has received the AIA Northeast Illinois' Outstanding Professional Member Award and its Lifetime Achievement.

Michael grew up in Chicago's Robert Taylor homes which was the nation's largest public housing development and most impoverished (lowest per capita income) community in the country during some of that time. He is especially committed to providing mentorship and motivation to the youth in economically challenged areas as well as the redevelopment of such areas. He has been a guest speaker at schools from elementary through college and championed career development, community engagement, and advocacy.

He has served the community for decades including as an elected Maywood Illinois, Councilman, a Bellwood Illinois Councilman, an appointed Zoning & Planning Commissioner. He was named Proviso Township runner-up for Citizen of the Year in 2001. Other leadership roles include Vice-Chair of the national Public Housing Museum, Illinois Director of the National Black Caucus of Elected Officials, President of the Neighbors of Maywood Community Organization, Executive Secretary of the Maywood Chamber of Commerce, National League of Cities Community & Economic Development Policy Committee, and the Advisory Board of Operation Uplift and the WestTown Museum.

In recent years, he has served on the advisor council for Triton College's School of Architecture, Construction, & Renewable Energy. In 2022, he became an Adjunct Instructor of Construction Technology at Triton, 30 years after being a student in that program. He is a committed supporter of the institution as an instructor, advisor, booster and student where he completes a certificate in Renewable Energy in December 2023.

Michael and his work has the distinction of being featured on WGN TV, CBS-TV, WTTW-TV, and in Progressive Architecture magazine, Daily Herald, West Suburban Journal, Village Free Press, Jet Magazine, Triton's 5th Ave. Journal, West Proviso Herald, and several other publications.