

## An 'Architect's Architect':

Michigan Architectural Foundation's Tincknell Fund Pays Tribute to a Career of Commitment



There is no doubt that steadfast commitment to one's career, community, or a worthwhile cause tends to pay benefits to everyone impacted by that devotion. This is perhaps no more evident than in the case of architect Les Tincknell, FAIA. In recognition of his leadership, generosity, and contributions to the profession, the Michigan Architectural Foundation (MAF) established the Tincknell Fund.

With gifts from individuals, companies, and other foundations, the fund was originally slated solely for college scholarships. With their desire to expand the fund's reach to support MAF's public awareness programs, Les and his wife Marion also made a substantial contribution to the fund.

"Les' energy is tireless, his efforts selfless, and his professionalism uncompromised," said Carl Roehling, FAIA, MAF Trustee. "His stewardship has helped the Michigan Architectural Foundation to grow substantially, both financially and through quality architecture-related programming."

Les has served on the Michigan Architectural Foundation board for more than 25 years, in roles including president and treasurer, and on multiple committees. Under his financial leadership, MAF's endowment more than quadrupled.

He also has served the architectural profession for more than sixty years. Although Les retired more than 20 years ago from the architectural firm he co-founded, he continues to provide professional services to local non-profit organizations, on a probono basis.

Last year, in another tribute to Les' career of service, MAF established the Les Tincknell Scholarship, which is awarded to a graduate student in architecture that has demonstrated service to architects, architecture, or the community.

"Les is an architect's architect," said Roehling. "He has been a role model for many architects, myself included. Les represents everything many of us aspire to be, and he has forever raised the bar for all professionals. We are proud to call him our colleague, mentor, and friend."

