

A message from the President



Dear Fellow CHID Certificants, Industry Partners and Colleagues,

As president of the AAHID Board of Directors, it is my privilege to serve another year along with my fellow Directors, and continue this exciting journey that our Founders started in 2004. Today, 162 healthcare interior designers have proudly distinguished themselves by earning the CHID Certified Healthcare Interior Designer® credential – a credential that validates commitment to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and competence. As we usher in another year, AAHID is poised to see this number grow. Through the Board’s intensified growth initiative, and your support, we will continue to strengthen the value of CHID and the certification program.

2018 was a year we continued to lay the groundwork for growth. Our marketing campaign was in full swing. Many of our certificants participated in the “Distinguish Yourself” promotion and provided testimonials to the value of certification. Sharing these stories helps potential candidates relate to the success of others just like them. Spreading the word is key to building relationships and interest in CHID. It’s also a great way to promote yourself.

We continued to increase our presence at industry events including Environments for Aging, Design Connections and the Healthcare Design Expo and Conference. CHIDs were prominent and actively engaged in 2018. From on-site presence, to leading CHID Exam Prep workshops and educational sessions, CHIDs energetically advocated for certification.

Our industry partners were just as instrumental in helping AAHID spread the word.

Thanks to their generosity, networking efforts, and collaborative participation, CHID Candidate Forums were held at industry partner venues in Charleston, Dallas, New Orleans, and New York, providing opportunities for interested prospects to learn about CHID.

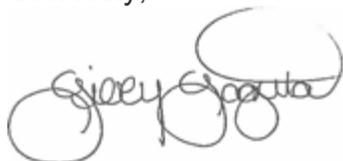
2018 was also a year the Board re-evaluated the examination process. We aggressively sought out options that allowed candidates to effectively manage their time, while providing more accessibility and convenience for coordinating the exam around their schedule.

To accommodate these changes, the CHID examination will only be administered in the Fall in 2019.

Read more of the [“Year in Review”](#) and be part of the AAHID journey.

We are excited to continue this momentum, and look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Libby Laguta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

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