



The Greater Iowa City Area Home Builders Association's (HBA) 2020 Associate of the Year is hardworking, determined and not shy about taking the bull by the horns, whether it's at work or through volunteer activities. Sandy Steil, a project manager for business development at MMS Consultants, has a lifelong mission to never stop learning and she's driven to make Eastern Iowa all that it can be. She has worked on more than 600 developments throughout Eastern and Central Iowa.

Sandy has been an Iowa City Area HBA member for more than 10 years. She just completed her first year as the Women's Council representative to the Board of Directors and is slated to continue that role next year. She also serves on the Johnson County Housing Strategic Doing Committee and was recently named to the Iowa City Public Art Advisory Committee. Sandy takes time to give the Association perspectives it doesn't have and provides insight on what is to come as she often knows development plans early in the process. This knowledge gives the HBA a chance to weigh in on how our communities are built.

During the summer, Sandy was recognized with an Ovation honor by the Iowa Women's Foundation. Recipients in some way improved the lives of women and girls in Iowa. Her honor stemmed from the Home Improvement Confidence Course for Women she created with

member Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity. The 12-week course introduced students to challenges faced in real-world remodeling and techniques and materials used during construction to instill knowledge and empower about various home improvement projects.

Sandy served four years active duty in the Air Force and studied 3D Design at the University of Iowa. A Master Gardener, she is crazy about flowers, gardening and landscaping. She also enjoys photography.