



Oscar Cobb | SmithGroup

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Bio: Oscar Cobb was raised in Detroit, MI. He earned his Bachelors of Science at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Michigan.

Oscar Cobb has more than 20 years of experience in the architectural and engineering industry. His portfolio of mechanical system design includes retrofit and new construction designs for commercial, healthcare, institutional, and industrial buildings, as well as hazardous storage applications, alternative energy laboratories, and data centers. Oscar's experience in HVAC design and engineering includes energy recovery, heat pumps, ASHRAE standard compliance for ventilation, occupant thermal comfort, and energy efficiency. He also has a passion for integrated and sustainable designs.

Ever since he was exposed to the design side of the building industry, Oscar has been an avid advocate for diversity in the Architecture and Engineering industry. This often comes through in his mentorship efforts. Oscar's passion for mentoring is evident in his experiences with University of Michigan's former King Chavez Parks Program, Reaching Higher, YMCA Detroit, Detroit Public School District High School Career Pathway Advisory Boards, SmithGroup's Explorers Post, Racquet Up Detroit, and involvement in various faith-based youth development activities through the Church of God in Christ in his local area.

Professionally he advocates and mentors younger professionals and has a passion specifically for those Black and underrepresented individuals who are starting out in the industry. This work has recently been expanded through his involvement with SmithGroup's Leadership Council and the Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee. Oscar has a desire to make better opportunities available for future generations and provide support and growth opportunities for those in the field and those in the pipeline to the Architecture and Engineering industry.