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Melanie Hennigan is President & CEO of Grimm + Parker Architects – a 94-person architecture firm and 2020 winner of the WBJ “Best Places to Work” award. G+P specializes in civic, recreational, educational, public safety, and multi-family residential architecture. With more than 30 years of architectural design expertise, Melanie has helped to grow her women-owned firm into a regional leader. G+P was ranked the 12th largest architecture firm in 2020 by the Washington Business Journal. Under Melanie’s leadership, G+P has delivered more than 75 LEED certified projects, two Net Zero schools and several national award-winning projects, including Laurel Library. Melanie is committed to advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in architecture and firm ownership. Her design leadership has helped to guide Grimm + Parker Architects to win more than 200+ design awards in the last 32 years. The Governor of Maryland appointed Melanie to serve on the State of Maryland Architectural Review Board, where she has served for more than 12 years. Melanie has been an avid supporter of PVAIA and is a past President of the Potomac Valley AIA chapter and has served on the Maryland AIA Board of Directors.

In her own words: “I am inspired by nature and how it has so many elegant solutions and systems that work well to support us. I love how nature is restorative yet transformational at the same time. So many of my favorite design solutions come from studying natural systems. It is exciting to go exploring in nature and come back with my battery fully charged and ready to dive deep into the next project!”

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THE LAUREL LIBRARY PROJECT, WHICH WON THE AIA ALA NATIONAL AWARD  
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