



Philadelphia250 is the organization coordinating the United States' 250th anniversary in Philadelphia.

We believe that 2026 is a galvanizing moment for our city and our country. We're using that moment to ignite the passions of Philadelphians with the revolutionary spirit of the Declaration of Independence—to create a commemoration that is truly by the people, for the people. In 2026 we invite the world to partake in a celebration of our diverse passions, interests, cultures and creativity.

Our goals include:

- A more just and equal Philadelphia where prosperity is shared by all
- A city that swells with a newfound sense of pride, ownership and engagement with the place we call home
- An opportunity to illuminate the untold histories of our diverse people and neighborhoods
- A city of firsts that bursts with new ideas to drive the change we seek

#### PHILADELPHIA250 FAST FACTS:

- Philadelphia250 was formerly known as USA250. USA250 was incorporated in 2011, and is the longest serving nonprofit in the country dedicated to promoting the 250th anniversary of American Independence.
- Former Governor Edward G. Rendell is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Philadelphia250
  - He has a history leading big events in Philadelphia:
    - He was Mayor during the turn of the Millennium when they planned 24 hours of activities from Dec 31, 1999 to January 1, 2000
    - As Mayor from 1992-2000, he helped ready Philadelphia for the Republican National Convention 2000. (Mayor Street was in office during the actual convention.)
    - He served as Chair of the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia

- Philadelphia has played a major role in every milestone anniversary of this country from 1776 to 1976, such as the 1876 Centennial Exhibition in West Fairmount Park in which 10 million people came to Philadelphia.
- Today's 6th graders will graduate high school in 2026, reminding us that every new generation has the opportunity to reimagine what this country can and should be
- Philadelphia250 core work areas:
  - Leading a citywide, grassroots community engagement initiative to connect people to the Declaration of Independence and inspire legacy projects and creative activations between now and 2026.
  - Coordinating logistics and capital planning to invigorate capital assets and venues for an inclusive and vibrant Philadelphia in 2026.
- Social Media Handles:
  - Instagram: @Philadelphia250
  - Twitter: @Philadelphia250
  - LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/philadelphia250
  - Facebook: facebook.com/Philadelphia250

**PHILADELPHIA250 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
DANIELLE DILEO KIM, AIA**

**FAST FACTS:**

- Registered architect and urban designer
- Major long-range master plans for Philadelphia that Danielle led:
  - “Philadelphia2035” for the Philadelphia City Planning Commission, the City’s first comprehensive plan since 1960
  - “Lower Schuylkill Master Plan,” a 25 year long-range development master plan for PIDC
  - “Fairmount Park Centennial District Master Plan,” which is still referenced by the Fairmount Park Conservancy today and in which 2026 is mentioned as a galvanizing milestone
- Local buildings for which Danielle served as Project Architect:
  - Mann Center for the Performing Arts
  - The Salvation Army Kroc Center of Philadelphia
- Current board of director of Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia and American Institute of Architects Philadelphia
- Harvard University Master of Architecture in Urban Design; Bachelor of Architecture from Virginia Tech
- Awarded the AIA Philadelphia Young Architect Award in 2012
- Founder of Clementine Montessori School in 2010; first new Montessori preschool in Center City in 44 years
- Has lived and worked in Philadelphia for 24 years
- Lives in Fairmount with her husband and two daughters

