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## **AIA Florida Announces 2018 Honor and Design Award Winners**

**Tallahassee, Fla** – Forty-one projects representing work from 32 architecture firms in Florida and Puerto Rico, along with ten individuals have been selected to receive an AIA Florida/Caribbean Design & Honor Award.

The Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Florida) annually hosts the Florida/Caribbean Honor & Design Awards. The awards celebrate the work of architects in the Florida and Caribbean region and their outstanding achievements in architecture and design. It is the region's most prestigious awards program for the architectural profession.

This year a London-based jury evaluated nearly 300 entries in the following design categories: New Work; Renovations and Additions; Historic Preservation and Restoration; Interiors; Unbuilt Design; Sustainable Design; Masonry; Theoretical and Research Design; and Test of Time Award.

“The number and quality of submissions this year were truly outstanding,” said Joyce Owens, FAIA, RIBA, 2018 Design Awards chair. “The jury was very impressed by the creative uses of space and sensitivity to environments on display in the designs, such as a renovated community plaza and a learning complex that integrates its surrounding landscape. The designs were an inspiration.”

Entries may be located anywhere in the world but must have been designed by an architect who is a member of AIA Florida, AIA Puerto Rico or AIA Virgin Islands. Firms from Sarasota, Tampa, Miami, Puerto Rico, Tallahassee and across the state were recognized for their outstanding work.

Individual honor awards were given to recognize members of AIA Florida who are active in the organization and their community, as well as those who enrich the architectural profession. Many of these individuals hold leadership roles in community organizations as well as the AIA. “AIA Florida members represent our organization through actively advocating, educating and volunteering in the community,” said Kim Headland, AIA, 2018 AIA Florida president. “The ten honorees recognized for individual honor awards this year exemplify this collaborative spirit and the best of service and design in our profession.”

These awards include the Gold Medal; Hillard T. Smith Silver Medal for Community Service; Medal of Honor for Design; Firm of the Year Award; Anthony “Tony” Pullara Chapter Award; Anthony “Tony” Pullara Individual Award; Associate of the Year Individual Honor Award; Photographer of the Year; Mellen C. Greeley Craftsman Award; and Object Award. Members from firms including Jacobs, Halflants + Pichette Design, Sweet + Sparkman Architects, PMA Consultants, Sandra Puerta Architect, The Urban Conga and others were among those honored at the award ceremony.

This year, the awards were bestowed upon the winners at the 2018 AIA Florida/Caribbean Design and Honor Award ceremony that took place on Saturday, July 21 at the AIA Florida annual convention and trade show held at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Below please find the descriptions of each category and the complete list of winners.

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**The Unbuilt Awards recognize outstanding examples of recent architectural commissions not yet built or complete and should exemplify excellence in design while exploring the nature and science of the profession. This year the jury has bestowed an Award for Unbuilt Design upon six projects.**

Merit Award for Unbuilt Design, Barwdu School, Duwehn’s Town, Liberia, Africa, by KZ Architecture, Inc., *Miami, Florida*.

Merit Award for Unbuilt Design, St. Petersburg Pier Market, St. Petersburg Florida, by Wannemacher Jensen Architects, Inc., *St. Petersburg, Florida*.

Merit Award for Unbuilt Design, Chabad of the Venetian & Sunset Islands, Miami Beach, Florida, by Shulman + Associates, *Miami, Florida*.

Honor Award for Unbuilt Design, Bayamon Infill Housing, Bayamon, Puerto Rico, by Diaz Paunetto Arquitectos, *San Juan, Puerto Rico*.

Honor Award for Unbuilt Design, The New St. Petersburg Pier, St. Petersburg, Florida, by ASD|SKY and Rogers Partners Architects and Urban Designers, *Tampa, Florida*.

Honor Award for Unbuilt Design, Affordable Infill, Delray Beach, Florida by Birse Thomas Architects, Inc., *Palm Beach Gardens, Florida*.

**The Masonry Association of Florida recognizes architects based on the technical and creative use of masonry in meeting aesthetic and functional design challenges. This year the jury has bestowed three Awards for Masonry in Design.**

Merit Award for Masonry in Design, Canopy Redefined, Miami, Florida by Touzet Studio, *Miami, Florida*.

Merit Award for Masonry in Design, Doak Campbell Stadium Improvements, Tallahassee, Florida by EMI Architects, ROSSER International, Inc., *Tallahassee, Florida*.

Honor for Masonry in Design, Bo Diddley Plaza, Gainesville, Florida by DAG Architects Inc., *Destin, Florida*.

**The Sustainable Design Award recognizes excellence in environmentally conscience design. It is intended that these awards will promote public awareness of the built environment and design of sustainable projects. This year, the design awards jury selected two projects to receive an Award for Sustainable Design.**

Merit Award for Sustainable Design, Alexander Montessori School New Reception and Classroom Buildings, Palmetto Bay, Florida by Jenifer Briley & Associates, *Miami, Florida*.

Merit Award for Sustainable Design, Fort Irwin Hospital Replacement, Barstow, California by RLF, *Orlando, Florida*.

**The Theoretical and Research Design Award recognizes projects designed in the immediate past five years by an associate, intern or student who is a member of the AIA. Projects may be academic, a competition entry, or a project executed in the interest of the advancement of the profession. This year the jury selected four projects to receive an award.**

Merit Award for Theoretical and Research Design, Revitalizing Oldsmar, Oldsmar, Florida by Taryn Sabia, Assoc. AIA, Florida Center for Community Design and Research, University of South Florida, *Tampa, Florida*.

Merit Award for Theoretical and Research Design, Center for Bass Fishing, Lake Apopka, Lake County and Orange County, Florida by Dianne Pantan, Assoc. AIA University of Florida - CityLab Orlando, *Orlando, Florida*.

Honor Award for Theoretical and Research Design, A Debt to the Havana's Rooftops, Havana, Cuba by Manuel Alvarino, University of South Florida, *Tampa, Florida*.

Honor Award for Theoretical and Research Design, Restoring Light Memorial, Orlando Florida by Daniella Covate, Vanessa Marin, Matheus Da Silveira, Nathan Wallace, and Claudia Cintas, *Orlando, Florida*.

**The Award of Excellence in Design is bestowed upon member architects whose completed works exemplify the highest standards of creativity and design that enrich our built environment. This award is divided into four categories. Renovations and Additions, Historic Preservation and Restoration, Interior Architecture, and New Work.**

**This year the jury has selected seven projects to receive an Award of Excellence for Renovations and Additions.**

Merit Award of Excellence for Renovations and Additions, The Jim Moran Building, Tallahassee, Florida by Architects Lewis + Whitlock, *Tallahassee, Florida*.

Merit Award of Excellence for Renovations and Additions, Wabi Sabi House, Osprey, Florida by Hall Architects, P.A., *Sarasota, Florida.*

Merit Award of Excellence for Renovations and Additions, Miami Dade College Interamerican Campus Building G, Miami, Florida by M.C. Harry & Associates, *Miami, Florida.*

Merit Award of Excellence for Renovations and Additions, St. Thomas More Church Renovation & Expansion, Sarasota, Florida by JNW Studios Architecture | Interiors | Planning + Urban Design, *Sarasota, Florida.*

Honor Award of Excellence for Renovations and Additions, Kotler-Coville Glass Pavillion at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, Florida by Architects Lewis + Whitlock, *Tallahassee, Florida.*

Honor Award of Excellence for Renovations and Additions, Hudson House, Treasure Island, Florida by Seibert Architects, P.A., *Sarasota, Florida.*

Honor Award of Excellence for Renovations and Additions, Bo Diddley Plaza Renovations, Gainesville, Florida by DAG Architects Inc., *Destin, Florida.*

**Two projects have been selected to receive the Award of Excellence for Historic Preservation and Restoration.**

Merit Award of Excellence for Historic Preservation/Restoration, Newell Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida by Robert A.M. Stern, Schenkel Shultz Architecture, *Orlando, Florida.*

Honor Award of Excellence for Historic Preservation/Restoration, House Tranquilo, Sarasota, Florida by Seibert Architects, P.A., *Sarasota, Florida.*

**Four projects have been selected to receive the Award of Excellence for Interiors.**

Merit Award of Excellence for Interiors, AdRizer @ BOTA Center, Sarasota, Florida by Hive Architects, Inc., *Bradenton, Florida.*

Merit Award of Excellence for Interiors, Forte Dei Marmi, Miami, Florida by Oppenheim Architecture, *Miami, Florida.*

Honor Award of Excellence for Interiors, Donnelly Renovation, Siesta Key, Florida by Halflants + Pichette Studio for Modern Architecture, *Sarasota, Florida.*

Honor Award of Excellence for Interiors, 530 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, Florida by Shulman + Associates, *Miami, Florida.*

**Thirteen projects were selected to receive an award for new work.**

Merit Award of Excellence for New Work, City of Pompano Beach Library + Cultural Center, Pompano Beach, Florida by Silva Architects, LLC with Monica Ponce de Leon Studio, *Coral Gables, Florida*.

Merit Award of Excellence for New Work, Seabreeze West, Delray Beach, Florida by Silberstein Architecture, Inc, *Delray Beach, Florida*.

Merit Award of Excellence for New Work, Brickell City Centre, Miami, Florida by Arquitectonica, *Miami, Florida*.

Merit Award of Excellence for New Work, Water Works Park, Tampa, Florida by Rowe Architects Incorporated, *Tampa, Florida*.

Merit Award of Excellence for New Work, Ayla Golf Academy & Clubhouse, Aqaba, Jordan by Oppenheim Architecture, *Miami, Florida*.

Merit Award of Excellence for New Work, Housing for the Disabled Elderly, Miami Beach, Florida by MATEU Architecture, *Miami, Florida*.

Merit Award of Excellence for New Work, GLF Headquarters, Miami, Florida by Oppenheim Architecture, *Miami, Florida*.

Merit Award of Excellence for New Work, MuttENZ Water Purification Plant, MuttENZ, Switzerland by Oppenheim Architecture, *Miami, Florida*.

Merit Award of Excellence for New Work, Seagrape House, Anna Maria, Florida by Traction Architecture, *Tampa, Florida*.

Honor Award of Excellence for New Work, School of Arts & Sciences, Tallahassee, Florida by EMI Architects, *Tallahassee, Florida*.

Honor Award of Excellence for New Work, Warehouse Complex, Miami, Florida by Chandler and Associates, Architecture, P.A., *Miami, Florida*.

Honor Award of Excellence for New Work, Guberman Kennedy Residence, Venice, Florida by Halfants + Pichette Studio for Modern Architecture, *Sarasota, Florida*.

Honor Award of Excellence for New Work, Bay Pines STEM Center, Seminole, Florida by Rowe Architects Incorporated, *Tampa, Florida*.

**The Test of Time Award recognizes distinguished single works of architecture and planned developments affecting more than one building after a period of 25 years has elapsed in which the function, aesthetic statement and execution can be reassessed.**

This year, the AIA Florida/Caribbean Design Awards Jury recognizes one project for the Test of Time award.

Merit Award for the Test of Time, Pineview School, Osprey, Florida by Design Architect: Carl Abbott, FAIA Architect/Planner PA, Architect of Record: W R Frizzel, Project Manager: Don Green, AIA. *Tampa, Florida.*

**The Object Award recognizes AIA Florida members who have designed an object that demonstrates a level of invention, creativity and craftsmanship beyond the constraints of space or cost restrictions.**

Object Award, The Hangout, The Urban Conga, *Tampa, Florida.*

**The Mellen C. Greeley Craftsman Award is given to a craftsman in the State of Florida who has exemplified interest, ingenuity, and outstanding performance in the pursuit of one's trade or craft.**

Mellen C. Greeley Craftsman Award, Ryan Swanson, AIA, The Urban Conga, *Tampa, Florida.*

**The Photographer of the Year Award recognizes high quality and originality in still photographs which advance the cause of outstanding architectural photography in Florida.**

Photographer of the Year, Sean Harris, *Sarasota, Florida.*

**The Associate Member Individual Honor Award recognizes an associate member whose leadership, activities, and service to AIA Florida have been a direct benefit to the profession.**

Associate of the Year, Amie Calisti, Assoc. AIA, *Boynton Beach, Florida.*

**The Anthony “Tony” Pullara Individual Honor Award recognizes a member who is devoted to service over and above their official capacities in hopes that this award will perpetuate Tony's memory and those things for which he stood in our profession.**

Pullara Individual Award Jaime E. Sobrino, AIA, *Doral, Florida.*

**Given in memory of Anthony L. Pullara, AIA the Anthony “Tony” Pullara Chapter award is intended to inspire all chapters to strive to exceed the Guidelines for Component Excellence as established by AIA and its' members expectations, particularly in the areas of public awareness/outreach, political effectiveness and membership development.**

Anthony “Tony” Pullara Chapter Award, AIA Miami, *Miami, Florida.*

**The AIA Florida Firm of the Year Award recognizes outstanding achievement in design, community services, education and service to the profession and the AIA by an architectural firm.**

AIA Florida Firm of the Year, Sweet Sparkman Architects, *Sarasota, Florida.*

**The Medal of Honor for Design recognizes an individual architect in Florida who has distinguished himself or herself, by the high quality and originality of one's work,**

**advancing the value and public awareness of good architecture over an extended period of time, and by one's leadership, provided an inspiration to colleagues and others.**

Medal of Honor for Design, Michael Halflants, AIA, *Sarasota, Florida.*

**In honor of AIA Florida Past President Hilliard T. Smith of Palm Beach, the Silver Medal Honor award is given to recognize an architect whose leadership in community activities and service has been a direct benefit to the profession or community.**

Silver Medal – Hillard T. Smith Community Service Award, Brad Schiffer, AIA, *Naples, Florida.*

**The Gold Medal is one of the highest honors given by AIA Florida, recognizing an architect who has distinguished themselves in a manner resulting in a profound impact on the profession over an extended period of time.**

AIA Florida Gold Medal, Dan Kirby, FAIA, *Orlando, Florida.*

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