

# AIA Florida Empowers, Elevates at 2022 Design & Honor Awards

Palm Beach – The Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Florida) congratulates University High School in Orlando on winning the 2022 People’s Choice Competition.

This year, to go along with AIA Florida President Lourdes Solera, FAIA’s, leadership theme of Empower and Elevate, the contest focused on K-12 educational facilities, which empower and elevate their communities like few other buildings can.

A panel of Florida architects chose 14 schools from around Florida that represented buildings that empowered and elevated their communities in some way. University High School, a Mediterranean-style building centered on a communal plaza, won the contest by more than 300,000 votes.

In total, the contest garnered well over 1.5 million votes from around the world, raising awareness of Florida’s architecture and its power to change lives.

The schools in the contest were:

University High School, Orlando.

The Greene School, West Palm Beach, Florida.

Hillsborough High School, Tampa.

Tallahassee School of Arts and Sciences, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dune Lakes Elementary School, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida.

Tice Elementary School, Fort Myers, Florida.

Rampello K-8 Downtown Partnership Magnet School, Tampa.

Alexander Montessori School, Miami.

Dreyfoos School of the Arts, West Palm Beach, Florida.

Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School, Atlantic Beach, Florida.

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Pine Forest Elementary School, Jacksonville.

Pine View School, Osprey, Florida.

Alonzo and Tracy Mourning High School, North Miami Beach,  
Florida.

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