

The Tampa Riverwalk at Kennedy Boulevard Plaza and Architect Larry Dickie, AIA Receive Top Honors from AIA Tampa Bay

23 people, firms and projects honored for excellence in design and service to community

Tampa (Nov. 8, 2017) – The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Tampa Bay Chapter named 23 recipients of its highest annual awards, the Honor and Design Awards, at the Celebrate Design reception on Thursday, November 2nd. Through the awards program, AIA Tampa Bay honors architects, philanthropists, public servants, and organizations that are committed to improving communities through design excellence.

Larry Dickie, AIA, Facilities Project Coordinator at St. Petersburg College received the highest Honor Award, the Medal of Honor, for his decades of service to the AIA and the community. Larry has served on the AIA Tampa Bay board of directors as well as various code review committees including the Florida Fire Code Advisory Council. He was named Citizen Architect by AIA Florida in 2013 for his service to the community.

The highest Design Award honor, the H. Dean Rowe, FAIA Award for Design Excellence, was awarded to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for [The Riverwalk at Kennedy Boulevard Plaza](#). The jury commented, “An exceptional urban solution that adds another dimension to the experience and character of the city. This edge-condition does not appear additive while the scale and subtle character of the curving pathway puts it in place with its surroundings. It is an elegant design that should be a prototype for urban waterfront settings as it redefines the pedestrian experience. A beautiful architectural and engineering design statement that becomes a symbol of the city’s waterfront vibrancy.”

The AIA Tampa Bay Honor Awards also recognized 9 people and firms for outstanding accomplishments and service to the architecture profession and the community:

- *Firm Award:* SOI Design Studio, llc. for their consistent leadership, vision, and ability in advancing the profession through community service and support of the Institute and Chapter programs.
- *Pullara Award:* David Hugglestone, AIA, Senior Capital Projects Coordinator at City of St. Petersburg for his exemplary service to the AIA and the community.
- *Kelley Emerging Professional Award:* Asa Santa Cruz, Assoc. AIA, Architecture Associate at BDG Architects for her work in championing the causes and issues that are important to Associate members and young architects.
- *Award of Excellence:* City of St. Petersburg for the Cities commitment to excellence in design and urban planning, and for their work with local architects on significant projects like The Pier.
- *President’s Award:* Joe Lopano, CEO of Tampa International Airport for the airports commitment to transportation growth, sustainability, public art, and ensuring that its growth remains Tampa-centric in its design and designers.
- *President’s Award:* Victor Crist, Hillsborough County Commissioner for bringing more than half-a-billion dollars in Capitol improvement projects to our community and for his work as Founder and volunteer Chairman of the University Area Community Development Corporation.

- *Artisan Award:* Mill-Rite for outstanding workmanship and craftsmanship on the extensive millwork for the new Wyndham Grand Clearwater Beach.
- *Contractor's Award:* The Eva Claire Corporation for their exemplary attention to detail, fine workmanship and craftsmanship as well as community involvement.
- *Allied Member Award:* Julius Davis of VoltAir Consulting Engineers for his service to the chapter and promotion of the value of AIA and the architecture profession

The Eduardo Garcia Award was also presented to Ross-Alan Tisdale, AIA of Traction Architecture. The annual award is offered to registered architects 40 years of age or younger and recognizes talent, passion, and dedication; qualities for which Eduardo Garcia was known.

11 out of 47 project submissions were selected for the AIA Tampa Bay Design Awards for representing exceptional work in architecture and urban design. Each winning project, granted either an "honor" or "merit" award, was chosen for its exemplary design quality.

Merit Awards recognize projects that demonstrate a commitment to excellence in architectural design. Merit Awards were presented to:

- Joshua L Jones for [East Tampa Chess Park](#)
- Solstice Planning and Architecture for [Sarasota High School Renovation, New Gate](#)
- Gensler for [Xenia Hotel and Resorts Headquarters](#)
- Ai Collaborative, Inc. for [CWU Professional Support Services Headquarters](#)
- HOK for [University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine and Heart Institute](#)
- Gresham, Smith & Partners for [Tampa General's Brandon Healthplex](#)
- Halfants + Pichette for [Anna Maria Residence](#)
- Open Workshop and Alfonso Architects for architecture + design for [Masonite Ybor Office and Showroom](#)

Honor Awards recognize projects that demonstrate the highest standards of design and innovation and a commitment to excellence in architectural design. Honor Awards were presented to Harvard Jolly Architecture and Ikon.5 architects for the [Kate Teidemann College of Business at the USF St. Pete Campus](#), and to ASD/SKY for [Navy Federal Credit Union](#).

Criteria considered by the jurors included design quality, program resolution, innovation, thoughtfulness, and technique. This year's jurors were from AIA Chesapeake Bay. They included Barton Ross, AIA, Principal of Barton Ross & Partners, LLC; Joseph A. Boggs, AIA, Principal of Boggs & Partners Architects and Jason Winters, AIA, Principal of Kezlo Group, LLC.

The People's Choice award was presented to ASD/SKY for [22 Squared](#). People's Choice entries are posted on [Behance](#) and the community voted for its choice during Tampa Bay Design Week 2017.

Event chair Chris Culbertson, president of EMPAD Architecture and Design, led the organization of the event.

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The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is the professional association for architects and those in the architecture field. AIA Tampa Bay is the regional chapter representing approximately 650 members in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Polk, Hernando, Citrus, Sumter and Pasco Counties. The AIA provides programs and services including educational programs, design competitions, community service programs and serves as the united voice of the architecture profession. The regional chapter office is located in downtown Tampa.