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**The New Madeira Beach City Hall and Architect
Kimberly Headland, AIA Receive Top Honors from AIA Tampa Bay**

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

Tampa (Nov. 8, 2016) – The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Tampa Bay Chapter named 21 recipients of its highest annual awards, the Honor and Design Awards, at the Celebrate Design reception on Thursday, November 3rd. Through the awards program, AIA Tampa Bay honors architects, philanthropists, public servants, and organizations that are committed to improving communities through design excellence.

Kim Headland, AIA, Principal at Wilder Architecture and Vice President of AIA Florida received the highest Honor Award, the Medal of Honor, for her decades of service to the AIA and the community. Headland began her service as an intern and climbed the ranks to serve as chapter President in 2013. She also spearheaded the launch of Tampa Bay Design Week in 2014 which has grown to more than 30 events which promote design to the community each fall.

The highest Design Award honor, the H. Dean Rowe, FAIA Award for Design Excellence, was awarded to Wannemacher Jensen for [Madeira Beach City Hall](#). The jury commented, “Civic presence with simple modern materials and forms. Project beautifully engages the site with strong parti. Creates a grand civic experience on a tight civic budget.”

The AIA Tampa Bay Honor Awards also recognized 8 people and firms for outstanding accomplishments and service to the architecture profession and the community:

- *Firm Award:* Gresham, Smith and Partners for their consistent leadership, vision, and ability in advancing the profession through community service and support of the Institute and Chapter programs.
- *Levison Award:* Carlos Molnar, AIA, principal of SOL Design, for his exemplary service to the AIA and the community
- *Kelley Emerging Professional Award:* Clayton Cowell, Assoc. AIA for his work in championing the causes and issues that are important to Associate members and young architects.
- *Award of Excellence:* Penny Vinik with the Vinik Foundation for her work in promoting design and architecture to the community by bringing The Beach by Snarkitecture to Tampa.
- *President's Award:* Blake Casper with Casper's Company for sparking public discussion about community planning and design with his #Tampadeservesbetter campaign.
- *Artisan Award:* Modulo for creating well-designed, well-built installations at Wilder Architecture, Chihuly Glass Collection, Morean Arts Center, St. Petersburg.
- *Contractor's Award:* BACH Development for their exemplary attention to detail, fine workmanship and craftsmanship
- *Allied Member Award:* Marc Walker with Waddell & Reed, PA, 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 Scott Holmes of Holmes Architects and to Everaldo Colas of Wannemacher Jensen. 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.

Nine out of 51 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:

- Bacon Group, Inc. for [Animal Services Pet Adoption and Protection Center](#)
- Harvard Jolly for [Sarasota High School Renovation](#)
- Holmes Architects for [Intercoastal Retreat](#)
- SOLSTICE Architects for [Van Wezel Renovation](#)
- The Florida Center at the University of South Florida, School of Architecture and Community Design for [Canal Works](#).

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 ASD for [The New St. Pete Pier Design](#); Gensler for [Greenburg Traurig](#) and Halfants + Pichette for [Phillipi Creek Residence](#).

Criteria considered by the jurors included design quality, program resolution, innovation, thoughtfulness, and technique. This year’s jurors were David Brown, Curator at Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, Bob Borson, AIA, principal of Michael Malone Architects, Inc. based in Dallas, Texas and Joe Tattoni, FAIA, Design Principal, of ikon.5 architects located in Princeton, New Jersey.

The People’s Choice award was presented to Taryn Sabia and The Florida Center at USF School of Architecture and Community Design for “Revitalizing Oldsmar”. People’s Choice entries are posted on [Behance](#) and the community voted for its choice during Tampa Bay Design Week 2016.

Event co-chairs Juan C. Ricardes, International Associate AIA, principal of JaJu’ Design & Development, and Chris Culbertson, president of EMPAD Architecture and Design, organized 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.

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