

PLACE Architecture's Armature Works Design and Architect Andrew Hayes, AIA Receive Top Honors from AIA Tampa Bay

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

Tampa (Nov. 2, 2018) – The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Tampa Bay Chapter named 22 recipients of its highest annual awards, the Honor and Design Awards, at the Celebrate Design awards reception on Friday, November 2nd at the University Student Center, USF St. Petersburg Campus. Fox 13 News Anchor Chris Cato presented the awards. AIA Tampa Bay honors architects, philanthropists, public servants, and organizations that are committed to improving communities through design excellence.

Andrew Hayes, AIA, principal of hayes | cumming architects, and Director of the Institute for Design and Construction at the Florida Atlantic University, School of Architecture received the highest Honor Award, the Medal of Honor, for his service to the AIA and the community. Andrew has regularly been involved in advocacy efforts throughout his career on issues regarding smart growth, urban design and community resilience. As a former AIA Tampa Bay Chapter President and flight aviator in the military, Andrew is a shining example of an architect who gives back to his country, community and profession.

The highest Design Award, the H. Dean Rowe, FAIA Award for Design Excellence, was awarded to PLACE Architecture for [Armature Works](#). The jury commented, "This solution demonstrates the designer's ability to fine tune in to the existing building's aesthetic. The structure feels natural, new elements integrate peacefully with the existing building fabric. This project is an excellent example of adaptive reuse with a series of contemporary interventions seamlessly inserted into the existing fabric. PLACE takes full advantage of the scale and grit of the existing building lending a refined yet raw quality to the space."

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:* Studio+ — for their consistent demonstration leadership, vision, and ability.
- *Levison Award:* Phil Trezza, AIA, Principal at Harvard Jolly Architecture— for his exemplary service to the chapter, the community and profession of architecture.
- *Kelley Emerging Professional Award:* Mary Alvarez, Assoc. AIA, Graduate Architect at Hoffman Architects, PA— for her work in championing the causes and issues that are important to Associate members and young architects.
- *Award of Excellence:* Alana Brasier, AICP, Operations and Public Space Manager at the Tampa Downtown Partnership— for her outstanding support to the mission of the chapter, built environment or architectural profession.
- *President's Award:* Chas Bruck and Adam Harden of SoHo Capital for their commitment to excellence in design and urban planning, and for their work with local architects on significant projects like Armature Works.
- *Artisan Award:* Omar Saleh for outstanding workmanship and craftsmanship such as cladding for Noble Rice and signage for the Beck Group and Il Ritorno.
- *Allied Member Award:* Brittany Dytrych from Sesco Lighting for her service to the chapter and promotion of the value of AIA and the architecture profession.

- *Contractors Award:* Willis Smith Construction for their genuine commitment to outstanding workmanship and craftsmanship.

The Eduardo Garcia Award was presented to Thomas Goodwill of Wannemacher Jensen Architects. The annual award is offered to architects registered 10 years or less and recognizes talent, passion, and dedication; qualities for which Eduardo Garcia was known.

12 out of 52 project submissions were selected for the AIA Tampa Bay Design Awards for representing exceptional work in architecture and urban design. Each winning project, granted an “honor” or “merit” award, was chosen for its exemplary design quality.

This year's awards also saw the addition of a new category, Jury Citation, which represents projects the jury appreciated and felt warranted recognition. The following projects were presented with a Jury Citation:

- Gensler, [Lynn University Housing](#)
- Gensler, [Riverwalk Place](#)
- Wannemacher Jensen Architects, [The Pier Market](#)

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

- ASD | SKY, [The Whisper Valley Community and Marketing Center](#)
- Flad Architects, [The UF Health Heart & Vascular Hospital](#)
- Kim & Richard Headland, [The 17th Avenue House](#)
- SOLSTICE Planning and Architecture, [The Compass House](#)

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 Fawley Bryant Architecture for the [Nathan Benderson Park Finish Tower](#) and to SOLSTICE Planning and Architecture for [Thirty Oaks](#).

Criteria considered by the jurors included design quality, program resolution, innovation, thoughtfulness, and technique. This year's jurors were from AIA Charleston. Aaron Bowman, AIA, design advocate, Dinos Liollo, FAIA, principal of Liollo Architecture and Jeff Johnston, AIA, Principal Architect of SMHa Architects.

The People's Choice award was presented to Hoffman Architects, PA for [Quail Hollow Elementary School](#). People's Choice entries are posted on [Behance](#) and the community voted for its choice throughout the month of October.

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 703 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 the Center for Architecture and Design in Ybor.