

One Corner Architects' Classic Car Showroom and Architect Antonio Amadeo, AIA Receive Top Honors from AIA Tampa Bay

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

Tampa (Nov. 7, 2019) – 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 awards reception on Thursday, November 7th at the University Student Center, USF St. Petersburg Campus. Bay News 9 Chief Meteorologist, Mike Clay presented the awards. AIA Tampa Bay honors architects, philanthropists, public servants, and organizations that are committed to improving communities through design excellence.

The Medal of Honor was given to Antonio Amadeo, AIA, CEO and President of LDC International, Inc. Antonio Amadeo has been a member of AIA since 1992 and served on the AIA Tampa Bay board from 2008 to 2014 and as Chapter President in 2011. Antonio developed a creative and impactful way to communicate with the members via YouTube messages. This new communication strategy was recognized by AIA National with an Award and emulated by other chapters around the country. Amadeo helped to launch the local Academy of Architecture for Health chapter as well as the very impactful Heritage Committee which focused on historic preservation in our community

The highest Design Award, the H. Dean Rowe, FAIA Award for Design Excellence, was awarded to One Corner Architects for [The Classic Car Showroom](#). The jury commented, "Overall the project is very well conceived and executed. The lobby is beautiful and well detailed and there is a wonderful introduction of daylighting and an honest use of materials. This is an elegant project that stood out right away as a showpiece. The details are rigorous and not over-designed and the materials are articulated clearly, creating a consistent yet rich environment."

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:* ASD | SKY — for their consistent demonstration leadership, vision, and ability.
- *Pullara Award:* Christopher Davis, AIA , Co-founder of the Florida USGBC Chapter— for his exemplary service to the chapter, the community and profession of architecture.
- *Kelley Emerging Professional Award:* Josh Frank, AIA, Principal and Founder of Wide Open Office— for his work in championing the causes and issues that are important to Associate members and young architects.
- *Award of Excellence:* The Honorable Guido Maniscalco, Tampa City Councilman — for his outstanding support to the mission of the chapter, built environment and architectural profession.
- *President's Award:* Florida Representative Kathy Castor — for her commitment to advocating for the architecture profession, and for having a major role in sustainability and environmental issues.
- *Artisan Award:* Pep Rally, Inc. — for outstanding workmanship and craftsmanship in creating the murals for Sparkman Wharf.
- *Allied Member Award:* Terri Fleming with Parksites — for her service to the chapter and promotion of the value of AIA and the architecture profession.

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

The Eduardo Garcia Award was presented to Tim Hoefft, AIA, of Straughn Trout 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.

11 out of 48 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.

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

- Studio Zeren, [Five Springs Auto Wash](#)
- Gensler, [Gensler Tampa Offices](#)
- BDG Architects, [Helios Education Foundation](#)
- Wannemacher Jensen Architects, [St. Petersburg Fire Station #7](#)
- Rowe Architects Incorporated, [Bay Pines STEM Center](#)
- Halfants + Pichette, [Donnelly Condo Renovation](#)
- Wannemacher Jensen Architects, [Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum](#)

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 Gensler for [The Christine E. Lynn University Student Center](#), to Halfants + Pichette for [The Guberman Residence](#), to Gensler for [400 Channelside Drive](#).

Criteria considered by the jurors included design quality, program resolution, innovation, thoughtfulness, and technique. This year’s jurors were from AIA Baltimore and AIA Washington D.C. — Evan Troxel, AIA, design and technology expert, Janet Bloomberg, AIA, founder of KUBE Architecture and Kevin Johnson, AIA, Principal Architect of Ayers Saint and Gross.

The People's Choice award was presented to Hepner Architects for [The Suncoast Credit Union Admin Office Building](#). People’s Choice entries are posted on [Behance](#) and the community voted for its choice throughout the month of October.

Event chair Rich Montalbano, AIA, owner of RiMO Photo, LLC, 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.

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