

Celebrate Design! A Grand Success

EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE, FIRMS AND DESIGN RECOGNIZED

AIA Tampa Bay recognized honor and design award winners at their annual awards reception, Celebrate Design, on Thursday, November 1st at Tampa Museum of Art. More than 200 members of the a-e-c community were there, enjoying great food, incredible views of downtown, music compliments of Rock the Park and the company of their peers.

Larry Wilder, AIA, chapter president was the master of ceremonies for the honor awards. The following people were recognized for their contributions to the community, the AIA and the profession of architecture.

The Award of Excellence was presented to City of Tampa Mayor, Bob Buckhorn for his work in improving the built environment in Tampa. Some of his notable work includes the development of Tampa's first comprehensive master plan, redevelopment of the Historic Federal Courthouse and Historic Waterworks building.

Modulo received the Artisan Award for demonstrating outstanding craftsmanship.

EWI Construction was named Contractor of the Year for their exceptional work on the Oxford Exchange historic renovation project.

Linda Netzer with Cadd Centers of Florida was named Allied Member of the Year for exceptional contributions to the chapter.

Larry presented the President's Award to Antonio J. Amadeo, AIA for his nationally-recognized work on the chapter's video communications program.

The inaugural Kelley Emerging Professional's Award, in honor of the late Christopher Kelley, AIA was presented to David Hugglestone, AIA for his tremendous contributions to the development and growth of emerging professionals.

The Bob Levison Award was presented to Andrew M. Hayes, AIA for more than 10 years of dedicated service to the AIA at the local and state components as committee chair, chapter president, VP of AIA Florida and FAPAC Chair.

The Firm Award was presented to Lakeland-based Straughn Trout Architects, LLC for their contributions to the community, the profession, emerging professionals and for promoting good design.

The Medal of Honor, the chapter's top individual honor was presented to John F. Ranon, AIA for his more than 50 years of contributions to the profession, emerging professionals and the built environment.

Following the presentation of honor awards were presentations for design. Sergio DeSanto, AIA, winner of the 2011 Eduardo Garcia Award made the presentation of this year's honor to Beverly Frank, RA and Brandon Hicks, RA. The young architects were recognized for design talent, passion, and dedication - qualities of the award's namesake.

Design Awards Committee Co-Chairs, Ed Hoffman, AIA and Carlos Molnar, AIA presented this year's design awards. The Los Angeles based jury - award-winning architects included, Larry Scarpa, FAIA, John Frane, AIA and Alice Kimm, FAIA.

The jury chose nine projects to be awarded- eight of which were awards for Merit and one H. Dean Rowe Award of Excellence.

The first Merit Award of the evening was presented to Associate, Nick Hall for his [House of Water](#) Design.

Gensler was recognized with a Merit Award for the [DLA Piper Miami office](#).

Two awards were given in the Historic Renovation category. Smith Dalia Architects was recognized for the [Oxford Exchange](#) in Tampa.

Rowe Architects Incorporated received an award for their [Historic Charlotte County Courthouse Rehabilitation](#).

In the Institutional category, Gould Evans earned a Merit Award for the [William H. Johnston Building](#).

Robert MacLeod, AIA, Levent Kara and the USF SACD Design Workshop were also awarded a Merit Award for the [USF Z-Bridge](#).

Perkins + Will earned a Merit Award with their [Signature Place](#) design.

Halflants + Pichette were awarded a Merit Award for their residential design of the [Guberman-Kennedy](#) residence.

The night's top design honor - the H. Dean Rowe, FAIA Award for Design Excellence was presented to Gould Evans for their [Highland Recreation Center](#) project.

Congratulations to all of the winners! View all 2012 Design Award project entries on [Behance.com](#)