HONOR AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

James William Kidney Award | Est. in 1981 in honor of the late James William Kidney, FAIA, AIA Buffalo/WNY Chapter, who was one of the founders of the New York State Association of Architects and its first president from 1938-1942. Recognized as the highest award that AIANYS can bestow on one of its members, the purpose of the Kidney Award is to recognize a lifetime of notable contributions by an architect to the profession, the professional society, and the community. The Kidney Award shall be conferred on an AIANYS member who has been a member within the last five years & demonstrated a lifetime of sustained community leadership, thus advancing the profession of architecture through making the community a better place to live. The Kidney Award winner will have also demonstrated an active interest and leadership role in the profession and professional society at the local, state, or national level.

Matthew W. Del Gaudio Service Award | Est. in 1971 in honor of the late Matthew W. Del Gaudio, FAIA, AIA New York Chapter, who was one of the founders of the New York State Association of Architects and its third president from 1944-1947. The purpose of the Del Gaudio Service Award is to recognize outstanding and significant service by an AIANYS member to the profession through promoting the profession of architecture. The Award shall be conferred on an AIANYS member who has provided distinguished service to AIANYS and demonstrated notable competence advancing the profession of architecture. The Del Gaudio Service Award winner will have also demonstrated an active interest and leadership role in AIANYS.

President’s Award | Est. in 1984, the purpose of the President’s Award is to recognize outstanding contributions to the profession in education, industry or government by an AIANYS member. The President’s Award shall be conferred on an AIANYS member who, through outstanding efforts of professional competence in non-traditional areas of architectural practice, has demonstrated lasting influence and raised the standards of professional performance and increased the recognition of professional competence by others. The President’s Award winner will have also demonstrated an active interest and leadership role in the professional society at the local, state, or national level.
Fellows Award | Est. in 2006, the purpose of this award is to recognize a Fellow of the AIA who has exemplified the philosophy of Mentorship within the profession. This individual either personally, or through his or her firm has exceeded in helping a young architect (as defined by AIA), student or an unlicensed individual to gain a greater knowledge of the profession and has assisted them in achieving more than they would have normally within the profession without this guidance.

Legislator of the Year Award | Est. in 1977, the purpose of the Legislator of the Year Award is to recognize outstanding legislative contributions to the profession and the practice of architecture by a New York State Legislator. The Legislator of the Year will have demonstrated leadership and an active role in advancing the legislative priorities of AIANYS. This individual shall be nominated by the Board, Executive Committee or Government Affairs Committee as a recommendation to the Board or Executive Committee and shall specify the legislative contributions of the nominee to the profession and practice of architecture.

Honorary Member of AIA New York State | Est. in 1989, the purpose of Honorary Membership in AIANYS is to recognize outstanding and significant accomplishments of a person outside the profession of architecture. Honorary Membership in the State Association shall be conferred on a person of esteemed character who is not eligible for regular or associate membership, but who has rendered distinguished service to the profession of architecture or the arts and science allied therein.

Frederic Schwartz Community Development Award
Est. in 1985, the purpose of the Community Development Award is to recognize and acknowledge projects and individuals who have had a substantial impact on the built environment within the various localities of New York State or on the State as a whole. This Award, in the form of a citation, may be made to any individual, community or civic organization, governmental agency, or private corporation whose efforts have resulted in a significant and positive improvement to the built environment.

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