

AIA NEW YORK STATE, AN ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, ANNOUNCES 2023 HONOR AWARD RECIPIENTS AT 2024 BOARD INSTALLATION DINNER

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Albany, NY – January 25, 2024 – The American Institute of Architects New York State (AIANYS) proudly celebrated the outstanding achievements and contributions of the 2023 Honor Award recipients during a ceremony held in conjunction with the 2024 Board Installation. This annual event serves as a platform to recognize and honor individuals, firms, and educators across New York State who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and excellence in advancing the architecture profession and embodying the values of the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

AIANYS 2023 President Paul McDonnell, AIA, said, "In celebrating the 2023 Honor Award recipients, we pay tribute to advocates and pioneers who have significantly shaped the architectural landscape. Their dedication and triumphs resonate throughout our profession and communities."

AIANYS Executive Vice President Georgi Ann Bailey, CAE, Hon. AIA, said, "Extending our gratitude to these outstanding members is a testament to their unwavering dedication and love for architecture. Congratulations to each honoree for their well-earned acclaim and contributions to our profession."

2023 Honor Awards Recipients:

I. Young Architect Award: Casey Crossley, AIA, and James Klauder, AIA

Casey Crossley, AIA: In his role as an Associate at Architecture Plus in Troy, New York, Casey has consistently demonstrated not only a passion for the field of architecture but also a commitment to advocacy and leadership. His collaborative efforts have ensured the success of projects spanning housing, healthcare, education, and community sectors. Casey's leadership within the American Institute of Architects, including serving as the Eastern New York Chapter President and Vice President of Education, exemplifies his dedication to advancing emerging professionals.

James Klauder, AIA: As a project architect and senior associate at Gensler, James has built an impressive portfolio, contributing to key projects such as JFK Airport's Delta Terminal C and Boston Logan Airport's Jet Blue Terminal. Beyond project excellence, James has collaborated on a 40-year masterplan for Newark's airport

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and actively engaged in Gensler-backed research initiatives focused on climate resilience strategies in Environmental Justice Communities. His mentorship roles at Gensler and AIA New York State showcase his dedication to guiding and inspiring emerging designers.

2. Firm Award: Large Firm

King + King Architects: With a rich history spanning an impressive 155 years, King + King Architects received the Firm Award for notable achievements in design, community service, education, and service to the architecture profession within New York State. Established in 1868, the firm's enduring commitment to principles of integrity, innovation, and enduring relationships has significantly shaped the Syracuse skyline and contributed to Central New York's architectural heritage.

The firm attributes its remarkable success to a dedication to people, innovative design, community investments, lifelong client partnerships, and a profound respect for the noble art of architecture. The exceptional journey of King + King Architects is a testament to the passion, creativity, and dedication of its team, fostering a culture of collaboration and innovation that results in award-winning designs and a lasting impact on communities.

3. Legislator of the Year Award:

Assemblymember Amy Paulin: Elected in 2000, Assemblymember Amy Paulin has been a longstanding champion of the architectural profession. Over the years, she has served in various key roles, including Chair of the Assembly Committee on Energy and Chair of the Assembly Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions. Currently, she holds the position of Chair of the Assembly Committee on Health. Assemblymember Paulin's legislative contributions were particularly highlighted with her role as the prime sponsor of the Safe Schools by Design Act, demonstrating her dedication to the profession and the safety of educational environments.

Senator Rachell May: Elected to the Senate in 2018, Senator Rachell May represents the City of Syracuse and parts of Onondaga and Cayuga County. Prior to her election, Senator May served as the Director of Sustainability Education at Syracuse University. One of her major legislative accomplishments was the creation of the first regional STEAM school in Central New York. Senator May has served as the Chair of the Senate Committee on Aging and is the current Chair of the Senate Committee on Cities, which focuses on cities outside of New York City. Beyond her continued support for environmental, sustainability, and resiliency initiatives, Senator May collaborated with AIA New York State and Assemblymember Amy Paulin to introduce the Safe Schools by Design Act in the Senate. Senator May became the ideal partner, working closely with Assemblymember Paulin and AIA New York State to advance the bill in the waning days of the 2023 Legislative Session. The bill ultimately passed the Senate by a vote of 62-0.

About AIANYS:

The American Institute of Architects New York State, composed of 13 statewide chapters representing over 9,500 architecture professionals, is dedicated to

recognizing and celebrating excellence in architecture, advocating for the profession, and fostering a community of architects committed to advancing the built environment.

Note to Editors:

High-resolution images of the award recipients and the event are available upon request. Additional information about AIANYS and its mission can be found on the official website.