

AIA NEW YORK STATE, AN ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, CELEBRATES ARCHITECTURAL EXCELLENCE WITH 2025 DESIGN AWARDS

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Albany, NY – The American Institute of Architects New York State (AIANYS) announced the recipients of the 2025 AIANYS Design Awards during a celebration held on December 11. Since 1968, these prestigious awards have honored exceptional architectural projects, ranging from local landmarks to international collaborations, designed by architects practicing in New York State.

Twenty-five projects received recognition across nine categories, including Adaptive Reuse/Historic Preservation, Commercial/Industrial, Institutional, Interiors, International, Residential, Small Firms, and Unbuilt. Citations, Merit Awards, and Honor Awards were bestowed upon the most outstanding submissions.

The 2025 Design Awards jury was comprised of Jury Chair Karl Daubmann, FAIA, Interim Provost at Lawrence Technological University; Stacy A. Bourne, FAIA, Principal Architect of the Bourne Group; Dennis Stallings, FAIA, Design Director/Principal at Clark Nexsen – A JMT Company; and Corey Aldrich, Owner and Founder of 2440 Design Studio and Executive Director of ACE! Upstate Alliance for the Creative Economy. Peter Arsenault, FAIA served as the facilitator.

From among the 25 award-winning projects, the jury selected the "Best of the Best," announced during the virtual awards ceremony.

Jury Chair Karl Daubmann, FAIA, stated, "The 2025 Jury recognized the West Conservatory at Longwood Gardens as an exemplary achievement in integrating architecture, landscape, sustainability, and structural elegance. Its expansion thoughtfully extends public garden spaces and demonstrates the power of interdisciplinary collaboration—setting a new benchmark for sustainable institutional design."

AIANYS 2025 President Andrew Harding, AIA, added, "The AIA New York State Design Awards shine a spotlight on the remarkable creativity and vision of architects across our state. Each honoree represents not only technical excellence, but a deep commitment to shaping environments that elevate the human experience. It is with

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great pride that we celebrate this year's recipients and the enduring impact of their work."

2025 AIANYS Design Award Recipients

Adaptive Reuse/Historic Preservation

Merit Award

LEEP Dual Language Academy, Brooklyn, NY

Submitted by: PellOverton Architects, New York, NY

Merit Award

The Delacorte Theater, Central Park, New York, NY

Submitted by: Ennead Architects, New York, NY

Honor Award

Emma Willard School – Alice Dodge Wallace '38 Center for the Performing Arts, Troy, NY

Submitted by: Annum Architects, Boston, MA, with Ann Beha FAIA

Commercial/Industrial, Large Projects, greater than 5,000 sq. ft.

Honor Award

PENN 2, New York, NY

Submitted by: MdeAS Architects, New York, NY

Institutional

Citation

City of Hope, Hope Plaza, Duarte, CA

Submitted by: CO Architects, Los Angeles, CA in collaboration with EwingCole

Citation

Make the Road New York Community Center, Queens, NY

Submitted by: Andrea Steele Architecture (ASA), New York, NY

Merit Award

Frist Health Center, Princeton, NJ

Submitted by: WRNS Studio, San Francisco, CA | New York, NY

Honor Award

Cleveland Foundation Headquarters, Cleveland, OH

Submitted by: S9 ARCHITECTURE, New York, NY

Honor Award

The Davis Center at the Harlem Meer, New York, NY

Submitted by: Susan T Rodriguez | Architecture • Design, New York, NY with Mitchell Giurgola Architects, New York, NY

Honor Award

Energy Advancement and Innovation Center at The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Submitted by: Smith-Miller + Hawkinson, New York, NY

Honor Award | Best of the Best

The West Conservatory at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA

Submitted by: WEISS/MANFREDI Architecture/Landscape/Urbanism, New York, NY

Interiors

Merit Award

L10 Arts and Cultural Center, Brooklyn, NY

Submitted by: Andrea Steele Architecture (ASA), New York, NY

Merit Award

Maison 78, New York, NY

Submitted by: DXA studio, New York, NY

Honor Award

Orientation Center and Welcome Galleries, Washington, DC

Submitted by: Studio Joseph, New York, NY

International Projects

Citation

Kyabirwa Surgical Center Pavilion, Kyabirwa, Uganda

Submitted by: GKG, New York, NY

Honor Award

Equatorial Student Commons, Singapore

Submitted by: Erik L'Heureux FAIA with Campus Design Innovations Group, NUS

Multi Family, Multiple Dwellings

Merit Award

Ruby Square, Jamaica, Queens, NY

Submitted by: Perkins Eastman, New York, NY

Residential

Merit Award

Forest Edge, Sag Harbor, NY

Submitted by: Stelle Lomont Rouhani Architects, Bridgehampton, NY

Honor Award

Calf Creek, Water Mill, NY

Submitted by: BMA Architects, New York, NY

Honor Award

Mohegan Trail, Block Island, RI

Submitted by: Bates Masi + Architects, East Hampton, NY

Small Firms Design Award

Citation

Carroll Hall Garden and Event Venue, Brooklyn, NY

Submitted by: Dameron Architecture, New York, NY

Citation

Fawn & Fox Salon: Ethereal Transformation of a Warehouse, Buffalo, NY

Submitted by: Arch&Type, Buffalo, NY

Merit Award

Kyabirwa Surgical Center Guard Hut, Kyabirwa, Uganda

Submitted by: GKG, New York, NY

Unbuilt (complete commissioned architectural work)

Citation

The Post Hotel, Bridgeport, CT

Submitted by: Messana O'Rorke, New York, NY

Merit Award

Barnard College, Roy and Diana Vagelos Science Center, New York, NY

Submitted by: Perkins&Will, New York, NY

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