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AIA NEW YORK STATE, AN ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, ANNOUNCES 2026 DESIGN AWARDS HONOREES, CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

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PRINCETON, N.J. — AIA New York State celebrated 25 award-winning projects at its 2026 Design Awards on November 3 at the Hyatt Regency Princeton. The event marks the awards' first in-person celebration since 2019, recognizing design excellence across architecture, interiors, housing, adaptive reuse, and urban planning.

This year's honorees demonstrate how thoughtful design can renew historic buildings, advance sustainability, strengthen communities, and respond to the evolving needs of the built environment.

The 2026 Best of the Best distinction goes to KPF's TCC DAKA Renewable Resource Recycling Center in Xiulin Township, Taiwan. The project combines a waste-to-energy plant, visitors' center, and public park, making resource recovery accessible to the public while connecting industrial processes with environmental stewardship.

"The jury appreciated the breadth and quality of exceptionally creative submissions for the 2026 Design Awards. These innovative solutions, addressing climate challenges, urban complexities, and material applications, reflect the remarkable architectural talent in New York State."

— Marcus Carter, AIA, 2026 Design Awards Jury Chair

"These awards reflect the power of architecture to make a lasting difference; from revitalizing existing places to creating thoughtful spaces that bring people together. I'm proud to celebrate the talent and commitment of this year's honorees and the ways their work strengthens communities across New York State and beyond."

— Jeff Pawlowski, AIA, 2026 AIA New York State President

The five-member jury was chaired by Marcus Carter, AIA, assistant professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's School of Architecture and partner at OBJECT TERRITORIES, a design practice working across architecture, landscape, and urbanism. The jury also included Andy Rockmore, AIA, founding principal of SAR+ Architects; Susan C. Knight, AIA, associate principal at Studio Enée and chair of the

Boston Society of Architects' Ethics Committee; Darguin Fortuna, AIA, founding principal of Flow Design Architects and chair of AIA's Small Firm Exchange; and Ginny Squire, CCIM, sales manager and licensed associate real estate broker at Yaman Commercial. Peter Arsenault, FAIA, served as facilitator.

2026 AIA NEW YORK STATE DESIGN AWARDS
Complete List of Award Recipients

Adaptive Reuse / Historic Preservation

Merit Award
Pet Adoption Center, New York, New York
Submitting Architect: Studio Joseph

Honor Award
Design Studies Collaborative, Brooklyn, New York
Submitting Architect: O'Neill Rose Architects

Commercial / Industrial – Large Projects, Greater Than 5,000 Sq. Ft.

Merit Award
Brooklyn District 3 Sanitation Garage & Offices, Brooklyn, New York
Submitting Architect: Dattner Architects

Honor Award; Best of the Best
TCC DAKA Renewable Resource Recycling Center, Xiulin Township, Taiwan
Submitting Architect: KPF

Commercial / Industrial – Small Projects, Less Than 5,000 Sq. Ft.

Citation
Kyabirwa Ambulance Shed, Kyabirwa, Uganda
Submitting Architect: GKG

Institutional

Merit Award
Julian H. Robertson Jr. CitySquash Center, Bronx, New York
Submitting Architect: GLUCK+

Merit Award
Student Center at Portsmouth Abbey School, Portsmouth, Rhode Island
Submitting Architect: ikon.5 architects

Merit Award
Shefa School, New York, New York
Submitting Architect: Dattner Architects

Merit Award
“The Agora” Chamberlain Student Center, Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey
Submitting Architect: ikon.5 architects

Honor Award
Bruce Springsteen Center for American Music, Long Branch, New Jersey
Submitting Architect: COOKFOX Architects

Interiors

Citation
Columbia University Li Lu Law Library, New York, New York
Submitting Architect: Perkins Eastman Architects

Merit Award
Language & Laughter Studio Preschool, Brooklyn, New York
Submitting Architect: O’Neill McVoy Architects

Merit Award
The Valentine Museum – “Sculpting History at the Valentine Studio: Art, Power, and the ‘Lost Cause’ American Myth,” Richmond, Virginia
Submitting Architect: Studio Joseph

Honor Award
Kettl Matcha Sen Mon Ten, Brooklyn, New York
Submitting Architect: Michael Tower Architecture

International Projects

Merit Award
Siti Zaenab Mosque, Panengahan, South Lampung, Indonesia
Submitting Architect: Urbahn International

MultiFamily / Multiple Dwellings

Citation
335 Bond Street, Brooklyn, New York
Submitting Architect: STUDIO V

Merit Award
Frame 122, Brooklyn, New York
Submitting Architect: Brent Buck Architects

Honor Award
The Village West, New York, New York
Submitting Architect: BKSK Architects

Pro Bono Projects

Honor Award
Senegal Secondary School, Djilakh, Djilakh, Senegal
Submitting Architect: GKG

Residential – SingleFamily Detached, 2,500 Sq. Ft. and Over

Honor Award
House on Sag Harbor, Sag Harbor, New York
Submitting Architect: 1100 Architect

Honor Award
VIA43, Olivebridge, New York
Submitting Architect: Studio MM Architect

Residential – SingleFamily Detached, Less Than 2,500 Sq. Ft.

Merit Award
All Straw House, Claverack, New York
Submitting Architect: LTL Architects

Honor Award
House on an Island, Shelter Island, New York
Submitting Architect: Space4Architecture | S4A

Small Firms Design Award

Merit Award
Marianna House, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York
Submitting Architect: Arketekcher

Urban Planning and Design

Honor Award
Rockaway Village, Far Rockaway, New York
Submitting Architect: MARVEL

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