Since 1956, the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) has functioned as an intercollegiate network and representational voice for architecture students. The AIAS is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to linking its student constituents to the diverse academic, social, and creative opportunities that are critical in their development as design professionals.

At the heart of all AIAS activities is a cooperative effort designed to transform today’s student into the architect and design professional of tomorrow. This includes not only an active and involved student membership, but also a close and mutually supportive role for faculty, professionals, the design community and the corporate community who contribute to the advancement of the art and science of architecture.

Each year the AIAS honors individuals and groups for their exemplary work in areas such as leadership, collaboration, scholarship, and service. The AIAS Honor Awards were developed to publicly recognize outstanding achievements by students, educators, and practitioners who have exhibited an exemplary commitment to the education and development of architecture students.

The AIAS is pleased to announce the 2016 awards categories:

- **Chapter Honor Award**
- **Chapter President Honor Award**
- **Educator Honor Award**
- **Design Excellence Honor Award (Available for all year levels)**
- **Graduate Student Research Honor Award**
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General Submission Information

In order to ensure the fair and thorough evaluation of all nominees for the AIAS Honor Awards, the following materials must be submitted in the manner described. Failure to adhere to these requirements may lead to disqualification.

Nomination materials must be:

- Submitted digitally in PDF format (page dimensions not to exceed 8.5" x 11") and a file size under 5 MB, unless otherwise noted per award
- Limited to the page specifications stated in each award’s submission requirements

Please note that the use of photos, memorabilia and other supplemental materials is strongly encouraged within the required format. Videos and animations will be accepted but count toward the file size limit. The materials must be submitted to vicepresident@aias.org. Please contact the Vice President Joel Pominville with any questions at vicepresident@aias.org.

Schedule

All submissions must be submitted by Friday April 1, 2016. The AIAS assumes no responsibility for the delivery of the material. It is the responsibility of the nominating individual to see that the submission is properly submitted to the AIAS Office by this date.

February 8, 2016
Call for nominations open at aias.org

April 1, 2016
All materials must be submitted to vicepresident@aias.org

May-June 2016
Awards Jury facilitated by Vice President Joel Pominville

July 9, 2016
Announcement of the recipients at the 2016 Grassroots Leadership Conference during the Council of Presidents

December 2016
AIAS Honor Awards ceremony at FORUM 2016 in Boston, MA

Additional Questions:

All inquiries regarding the AIAS Honor Awards should be directed to the Vice President.

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Chapter Honor Award

The highest award bestowed upon an AIAS chapter for its consistent growth and stability while providing outstanding educational and professional programs to its members and others.

Nominees for the Chapter Honor Award are judged on the following criteria:

- Outstanding accomplishments in the conception, development and delivery of creative programs for its membership, students at large, school faculty, school administration, practicing professions and the public
- Exemplary involvement with campus, community and professional organizations, as well as local businesses, the design and construction industries and others;
- Active, consistent and involved membership throughout the year; and
- Effective chapter executive committee, providing consistent leadership and chapter representation on issues affecting architecture at the campus, community and national AIAS levels.

Each submission should contain the following requirements:

- Digital nomination must be filled out and submitted
- Chapter Executive Board names and titles with descriptions of duties and responsibilities
- Example of board meeting agenda/minutes
- Copy of chapter budget
- Calendar of chapter programs
- Examples of chapter graphics and posters for events
- Letter of nomination from the AIAS member submitting nomination
- Letter of support from Chapter President (if different from nominator)
- Letter of support from College or School of Architecture Department Chair
- Letter of support from AIAS Faculty Advisor
- Letter of support from local AIA component representative**

* chapter must be in good standing (at least 11 members and paid dues)
** optional addition to nomination package.

Past recipients:

2015 Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo
2014 University of Minnesota
  Honorable Mention: Illinois Central College
  + Ryerson University
2013 Illinois Institute of Technology
2012 Syracuse University
2011 University of Detroit Mercy
2010 University of Nebraska – Lincoln
2009 University of North Carolina – Charlotte
2008 University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2007 University of Kansas
2006 Auburn University
2005 Mississippi State University
2004 University of Nebraska
2003 Ball State University
  Honorable Mention: Oklahoma State University
2002 AIAS Orange County
  Honorable Mention: Oklahoma State University
2001 University of Hawaii
2000 Carnegie Mellon University
1999 University of Minnesota
1998 University of Oklahoma
1997 University of Hawaii
  Honorable Mention: Mississippi State University
1996 University of Colorado at Denver
1995 Kansas State University
1994 Mississippi State University
1993 Kent State University
1992 University of Michigan
1991 Kent State University
Chapter President Honor Award

The highest award bestowed upon an AIAS Chapter President for her or his outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to the consistent growth and development of the AIAS chapter on his or her campus.

Nominees for the Chapter President Honor Award are judged on the following criteria:

- President leads an overall stable chapter (financially, culturally, etc)
- Motivated, energetic, and involved membership
- Creates an environment that encourages involvement of a motivated and energetic chapter exec board that exhibits cooperative skills and a desire and ability to present successful programs
- Prominence within the architecture program with appropriate faculty, administration and with AIA component leadership
- Exemplary involvement with campus community and professional organizations as well as local businesses, the design and construction industry, and others

Each submission should contain the following requirements:

- Digital nomination must be filled out and submitted
- Nomination endorsement from Quad Director*
- One letter of nomination from the AIAS member submitting nomination
- Letter of support from dean or department chair
- Letter of support from AIAS Chapter faculty advisor
- Letter of support from AIA Component President or Executive**
- Nominee curriculum vitae or resume
- Description of specific accomplishments of the nominee as they pertain to evaluation criteria
- Any support materials that help exemplify the unique and special accomplishments of this candidate.

* endorsements will be solicited by the jury chair
** optional addition to nomination package

Past recipients:

2015 Katherine Eton, Savannah College of Art and Design
Honorable Mention: Brianna Ruland, Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo
2014 Samantha Raburn, Louisiana Tech University
2013 Samantha Parsloe and Stephen Russell, Mass Art
2012 Chris DePalma, Syracuse University
2011 Amanda Gann, University of Tennessee – Knoxville
2010 Dina Daimi, University of Detroit Mercy
2009 Jared McKnight, Pennsylvania State University
2008 Uel Bassett, Auburn University
2007 Ryan Carl Wong, University of Washington
2006 Ada Black, Lawrence Technological University
2005 Melissa Schricker, Auburn University
2004 Michelle Acosta, Arizona State University
2003 Jason Nguyen, Drexel University
Honorable Mention: Kimberly Lapinsky, Lawrence Technological University
Honorable Mention: Morgan Ennis, University of Maryland
2002 Nathan Rozzi, University at Buffalo
2001 Jesse Turk, North Dakota State University
Honorable Mention: Theo Habersetzer, University of Washington
2000 Neal Kido, University of Hawaii
Honorable Mention: Kevin Sebeta and Mellany Whittkop, University of Oregon
1999 Margaret Tarampi, Carnegie Mellon University
1998 Danielle Yafuso, University of Hawaii
1997 Randy Goin Jr., AIAS Fort Lauderdale
1996 Dean Albright, University of Colorado at Denver
1995 Luis Ibaenz, Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo
The most prestigious award that the AIAS confers on an AIAS faculty advisor or educator whom has exhibited outstanding contributions to the formal and informal education of architecture students.

Nominees for The Educator Honor Award are judged on the following criteria:

- Outstanding contribution to the formal and informal education of architecture students at any post-secondary institution
- Teaches an understanding of the importance of practicing architecture for the public interest
- Exemplary education of the public on the virtues of excellence in architecture and the environment
- Outstanding contributions to academic and career counseling of architecture students typical of strong mentorship practices

Each submission should contain the following requirements:

- Digital nomination must be filled out and submitted
- One letter of nomination from AIAS member submitting nomination
- One letter of support from AIAS Chapter President at university of nominee
- One letter of support from dean or department head at school of nominee
- Additional letters if desired (limit two)
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Titles of courses taught and programs administered by the nominee with brief of each
- Description of the accomplishments of nominee as they pertain to the evaluation criteria

Past recipients:

2015 Jim Lutz - University of Minnesota
   Honorable Mention: Hsu-Jen Huang, Savannah College of Art and Design
2014 Anthony “Tony” Costello - Ball State University
2012 Vaughn Horn, Tuskegee University
2011 Brian Ambrozik, University of Tennessee - Knoxville
2010 Andrew Payne, Savannah College of Art and Design
2009 Mark Keane, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
2007 David W. Hinson, Auburn University
2005 Neil Franklin, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
2004 Mohammed Bilbeisi, Oklahoma State University
2003 Rusty Smith, Auburn University
   Honorable Mention: Mike Andrejasich, University of Illinois at U.C.
2002 Dr. Rumiko Handa, University of Nebraska
2001 Vivian Loftness, AIA, Carnegie Mellon University
2000 William J. Carpenter, AIA, Southern Polytechnic State University
1999 Laura Lee, AIA, Carnegie Mellon University
1998 Shannon Criss, AIA, Mississippi State University
1997 Joyce Noe, AIA, University of Hawaii
1996 James Faussett, Southern Polytechnic State University
1995 Tom Hoffman, Andrews University
1994 Spencer Leineweber, University of Hawaii
1993 David Scott, FAIA, Washington State University
1992 Frank Bosworth, Bowling Green State University
1991 Leighton Liu, University of Hawaii
Design Excellence Honor Award 1, 2, 3, 4 + 5th Year Levels

The Design Excellence Honor Award is the highest honor given by the Organization to a member who exemplifies outstanding talents in the execution of design and architecture. This award is offered for each year level.

Nominees for The Design Excellence Honor Award are judged on the following criteria:

• Presentation graphics and composition
• Nominated work must represent a sensitivity to the following:
  1. Site context (cultural, climate, historical)
  2. Concerns of sustainability
  3. User experience
  4. Design for the public interest
  5. Use and understanding of precedence
  6. Understanding of forms and relationship of forms

Each submission should contain the following requirements:

• Digital nomination must be filled out and submitted
• One letter of nomination from AIAS member submitting nomination
• One letter of nomination from faculty member or supervisor overseeing the project.
• The project must have been completed within a year of nomination
• Work may be submitted in a format as large as 24” x 36” but PDF must remain under 10MB in file size.

Past recipients:
2015 Kyle Palzer, University of Minnesota
Graduate Student Research Honor Award

Awarded to those individuals or teams of students in architecture programs who have exhibited outstanding merit in high level architectural and design research.

Nominations for the AIAS Graduate Student Research Honor Award are judged on the following criteria with awards given to individuals whose submission materials exemplify outstanding contributions in areas such as (but are not limited to):

- Design research
- Written dissertation
- Applied research or initiative

Each submission should contain the following requirements:

- Digital nomination must be filled out and submitted
- Letter of nomination from faculty member initiating nomination
- Letter of support from the AIAS chapter president
- Letter of support from the AIAS chapter advisor or graduate mentor
- Additional letters of support (limit two)
- Any information needed for the nominee to cohesively convey the products or outcomes of research or applied research
- Work may be submitted in a format as large as 24” x 36” but PDF must remain under 10MB in file size.

Past recipients:

2015 Alex Libengood
   Clemson University
2014 Studio Kayini
   Arizona State University
2012 Study of the complexities of the Central Asian Facade
   University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2011 R+D in Concrete in Haiti
   Ball State University
2010 Tracie Reed
   University of Massachusetts - Amherst
2009 Matthew Erwin and Adam Sauer
   Georgia Institute of Technology
2007 Kristin Saunders
   University of Kansas
2006 Jennifer Thompson
   Auburn University
2004 Capilla del Santo Cristo de la Salud in Old San Juan
   Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico
2002 Dean Johnston
   University of Hawaii – Manoa
2001 Carnegie Mellon University
2000 Carnegie Mellon University
1999 University of Minnesota
1999 Mississippi State University
1998 Mississippi State University
1997 University of Hawaii
1995 University of Colorado at Denver
Emerging Professional Honor Award

Awarded to an alumni member of the American Institute of Architecture Students who is successfully representing the mission and beliefs of the Organization in their chosen career path.

Nominations for the AIAS Emerging Professional Honor Award are judged on the following criteria with awards given to individuals whose submission materials exemplify outstanding performance in areas such as (but are not limited to):

- Professional practice advancement
- Advocacy for the future of the profession
- Excellence in design practice
- Continued involvement within the AIAS or allied collaterals
- Special accomplishments, local and/or national awards
- Mentorship

Each submission should contain the following requirements:

- Digital nomination must be filled out and submitted
- Letter of nomination from individual initiating nomination
- At least two letters of support from individuals familiar with work and accomplishments of nominee (student, colleague, faculty, employer).
- Any information needed for the nominating individual to convey achievements of nominee.
- Submission may not exceed 5MB
Community Service Honor Award

The highest award conferred by the AIAS on those individuals, chapters, or programs and any partners at an AIAS Chapter or Freedom by Design that have helped achieve the mission of the AIAS “to enrich communities in a spirit of collaboration through design.”

Nominations for the AIAS Community Service Honor Award are judged on the following criteria:

- Applicant’s efforts to achieve the mission of the AIAS; “to enrich communities in the spirit of collaboration through design.”
- Exemplary level of engagement with a community
- Creativity in conception and execution of program or project
- Level of impact on both community and individuals involved

Each submission should contain the following requirements:

- Digital nomination must be filled out and submitted
- Letter of nomination from individual initiating nomination
- Letter of nomination from AIAS chapter president
- Letter of support from member of impacted community
- Information about cost of program or project
- Information about fundraising efforts to execute program or project
- Description of specific services performed by the nominee or the program as they pertain to the evaluation of the specified criteria*
- Submission may not exceed 5MB

* images or documentation of process.

Note: Special consideration will be given to chapters with a Freedom by Design program, however this is not a requirement for nomination.

Past recipients:
2015 Architecture Barbie program and the Young Men in Architecture program
Hampton University
2014 Architecture Barbie program
Hampton University
2013 Operation Resilient Long Island
NYIT Manhattan & Old Westbury
2012 Rebuilding Haiti, A Sustainable Orphanage Complex
Ball State University
2011 Pumpkin Carve
Auburn University
2010 University of Kansas (FBD)
2008 Taryn Nye
Miami University
2007 Fifth Grade Architecture Project
Auburn University
2005 Architecture Merit Badge
Southern Polytechnic University
2004 Vietnam / 50:50 Sharing Community Effort
Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico
2003 Archi-Pet-Ture
Savannah College of Art and Design
Outstanding Freedom By Design™ Program Award

The highest award bestowed upon an AIAS Chapter’s Freedom By Design™ Program for radically impacting the lives of people with equitable design solutions.

Nominations for the AIAS Outstanding Freedom by Design Program Award* is judged on the following criteria:

- Program demonstrates the mission of the AIAS and embodies the spirit of Freedom by Design.
- Scale and frequency of project completion
- Consistent creativity in project design and execution
- Community engagement
- Impact on campus
- Impact on community
- Fundraising efforts
- Collaboration
- Design advocacy.

Each submission should contain the following requirements:

- Digital nomination must be filled out and submitted
- Letter of nomination from individual initiating nomination
- Letter of nomination from AIAS chapter president
- Freedom by Design Program leader names with titles and list of responsibilities.
- Letter of support from Freedom by Design program design mentor
- Letter of support from Freedom by Design program construction mentor
- Letter of support from community leader or impacted client
- Freedom by Design program budget
- Information about fundraising efforts to execute projects
- Submission may not exceed 5MB

* Freedom by Design programs must be older than 2 years in order to be eligible for this award.
The highest award bestowed upon a single project of an AIAS Chapter’s Freedom By Design™ Program that radically impacts the lives of people with equitable design solutions.

Nominations for the AIAS Outstanding Freedom by Design Project Award are judged on the following criteria:

- Project completion *
- Demonstrative of ability to apply design principals in real world construction.
- Client engagement
- Community engagement
- Public awareness of design/build effort
- Ability to teach/learn from process
- Fundraising efforts
- Creativity building methods and practices
- Economic use of material
- Collaboration
- Design advocacy.

Each submission should contain the following requirements:

- Digital nomination must be filled out and submitted
- Letter of nomination from individual initiating nomination
- Letter of nomination from AIAS chapter president
- Letter of support from Freedom by Design project manager
- Letter of support from Freedom by Design program design mentor
- Letter of support from Freedom by Design program construction mentor
- Freedom by Design project budget
- Information about fundraising efforts to execute projects
- Presentation highlighting process and product of the project.
- Submission may not exceed 5MB

* Only completed projects are eligible for this award. However projects to be completed before June 1st 2016 may be considered eligible. Project must have been completed within 2 years of nomination.