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A Tradition of Excellence

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**
- Emerging Professional Honor Award**
- AIAS Community Service Honor Award**
- Outstanding Freedom By Design Program Award**
- Outstanding Freedom by Design Project Award**



AIAS Honor Awards
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Chapter Honor Award
Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo



Design Excellence Honor Award, 5th Year
Kyle Palzer, University of Minnesota



Emerging Professional Honor Award
Eduardo Castañeda, Callison RTKL



Educator Honor Award
Jim Lutz, University of Minnesota



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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"x11") 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



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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 Dima 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 Turck, North Dakota State University
Honorable Mention: Thea Habersetzer, University of Washington
- 2000 Neal Kido, University of Hawaii
Honorable Mention: Kevin Sebata 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



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Educator Honor Award

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 Ambroziak, 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 Frankle, University of Wisconsin
– Milwaukee
- 2004 Mohammed Bilbeisi, Oklahoma State
University
- 2003 Rusty Smith, Auburn University
Honorable Mention: Mike Andrejasic,
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 Fausett, 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



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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.

Past recipients:

2015 Kyle Palzer, University of Minnesota

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.



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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



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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

Past recipients:

2015 Eduardo Castañeda, Callison RTKL
AIAS UT Arlington Alumni



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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, how ever 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-Pef-Ture
Savannah College of Art and Design



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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.

Past recipients:

2015 University of North Carolina at Charlotte
2014 Louisiana Tech University
University of Tennessee Knoxville
2013 University of Minnesota



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Outstanding Freedom By Design™ Project 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.

Past recipients:

2015 University of North Carolina at Charlotte
2014 University of Tennessee Knoxville

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.