

AIA Northern Virginia Announces 2025 Design Award Recipients

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Arlington, Va. – The Northern Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Northern Virginia) announced the winning projects in its annual Design Awards program during a gala held at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial on Thursday, June 26. AIA Northern Virginia architect members were recognized with awards for their designs of both built and conceptual/unbuilt work. The chapter also took this opportunity to highlight and celebrate its 50th Anniversary of elevating architecture in the Northern Virginia community with a special tribute from several of their Past Presidents.

Receiving 100 entries this year, two distinct jury panels comprised of St. Louis, Mo. area architects gave 27 awards across ten categories. New categories this year include Civic / Cultural Architecture, Education Architecture, Health Architecture, Interior Architecture and Small Project Architecture. These updates ensured that more project types were represented and celebrated, and they provided additional opportunities for firms to showcase their work in the most appropriate category.

During the Gala, awards were given to architects whose projects include and demonstrate a level of good design principles of the 21st century. There are three different award levels in each category, and all of the awards recognize and celebrate the achievements AIA Northern Virginia members have created in the design of the built environment.

“Each year, the AIA Northern Virginia Design Awards celebrate the exceptional creativity, innovation, and impact of architects shaping our built environment. This program not only honors standout projects, but also reminds our community of the incredible design talent rooted right here in Northern Virginia,” said Roland Lemke, AIA, 2025 Design Award Committee Co-Chair and design principal at CannonDesign in Arlington, Va.

“The jury was impressed by the quality and diversity of the entries submitted in a broad range of categories,” said jury member Andrew Kerr-Grant, AIA of KAI Design. “The awarded entries and many other entries as well, typically exhibited strong architectural design solutions responding to the needs of the users but also displayed an awareness and sensitivity of the surrounds and context, enhancing and improving the environments in which they were situated.”

The 2025 AIA Northern Virginia Design Award Winners are:

Civic/Cultural Architecture:

- Award of Excellence: Sycamore & Oak submitted by Adjaye Associates
- Award of Excellence: Pennsylvania State Archives submitted by HGA
- Award of Excellence: Beaverdam Reservoir Park submitted by studio27architecture

Commercial Architecture:

- Award of Merit: NASA Langley Research Center Measurement Systems Laboratory submitted by AECOM
- Award of Merit: Clarendon West Residential submitted by WDG

Education Architecture:

- Award of Excellence: Georgetown University Hart Auditorium Renovation submitted by Perkins&Will
- Award of Merit: Haywood Community College: Health Sciences Education Building submitted by Little Diversified Architectural Consulting, Inc.
- Jurors' Citation: Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart Student Center submitted by Hord Coplan Macht

Health Architecture:

- Award of Merit: Max Robinson Center at Whitman Walker Clinic submitted by Winstanley Architects & Planners
- Jurors' Citation: National Institutes of Health: Building 10 E-Wing Building Renovation submitted by Perkins&Will

Historic Architecture:

- Award of Excellence: Slayton House Renovation and Addition submitted by Robert M. Gurney, FAIA, Architect
- Award of Merit: Campagna Center submitted by Winstanley Architects & Planners

Transportation and Infrastructure:

- Award of Excellence: Princeton University, Central Energy Facilities submitted by ZGF Architects
- Award of Merit: Monument Drive Commuter Parking Garage and Transit Center submitted by HGA

Conceptual | Unbuilt Architecture

- Award of Merit: Benedictine Learning Center submitted by Hord Coplan Macht
- Award of Merit: Torpedo Factory Arts Center Re-Envisioning Plan submitted by Winstanley Architects & Planners

Interior Architecture

- Award of Excellence: Volkswagen Group of America Headquarters submitted by Gensler
- Award of Merit: Dupont Circle Residence submitted by EL Studio
- Award of Merit: National Nonprofit submitted by OTJ Architects
- Jurors' Citation: Confidential Law Firm submitted by Perkins&Will

Residential Architecture

- Award of Merit: Mullen submitted by Mode4 Architecture
- Award of Merit: Capitol Hill Micro Community submitted by EL Studio
- Jurors' Citation: Del Ray Passive House submitted by Cedar Architecture

Small Project Architecture

- Award of Excellence: Etlan Farm House submitted by Robert M. Gurney, FAIA, Architect
- Award of Merit: Hammond Hill Home submitted by Cook Architecture
- Award of Merit: Razorback Ridge House submitted by Reader & Swartz Architects, P.C.
- Jurors' Citation: Twin Modern House submitted by Cook Architecture

Get more information about this year's winners at <https://aianova.org/award-year/2025/>.

Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence: A Year-Long Tribute

Our chapter proudly marks 50 years of excellence, innovation, and community impact. To celebrate, we are hosting a year-long series of events honoring our history and inspiring the future.

From project tours to panel discussions, networking events, and award galas, we will recognize the visionaries who shaped our chapter and celebrate today's leaders. Each event offers an opportunity to engage with our shared legacy and future.

Join us in this extraordinary celebration of architecture and achievement! Check our event calendar regularly for updates and ways to be part of this milestone year.

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