

AIA Northern Virginia Announces 2025 Honor Award Recipients

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Arlington, Va. – The Northern Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Northern Virginia) announced this year’s honorees during its annual membership meeting and Autumn Social held at and hosted by Dominion Lighting – a Division of BorderStates. Recipients were recognized for their outstanding achievements and significant contributions to the profession and built environment.

This year’s AIA Northern Virginia Honor Awards were decided by a small group of chapter members chaired by Immediate Past President, Braden L. Field, AIA, with ten awards given.

Awards were given to individuals and organizations whose leadership, vision and contributions have had a resounding impact on the profession, Northern Virginia communities, and the built environment. The awards recognize those who have gone above and beyond in their field and champion the power and importance of design. In addition, three emerging professionals were awarded scholarships or grants, and our fifteen newly licensed members were recognized for their achievements.

“At AIA Northern Virginia, we value those who are shaping the future of our profession and enriching the communities we serve,” said Braden L. Field, Chair of the Honors and Nominations Committee and Associate Principal, MTFA Architecture. “Through the Honor Awards, we’re able to spotlight their meaningful work and celebrate the difference they’re making.”

The 2025 AIA Northern Virginia Honor Award Winners are:

Award of Honor

To honor a member architect who has demonstrated outstanding levels of professional influence and activity over a sustained period of time. This is the Chapter's highest award.

Recipient: Joseph B. McCoy, AIA

Outstanding Achievement

Recognition of a member architect's achievement that has made a significant contribution to the built environment and transcends the scope of normal professional activities.

Recipient: Joshua A.W. McKenrick, AIA

Distinguished Leadership & Service

Recognition for distinguished leadership in the representation of the Chapter and the Membership, and consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.

Recipient: Christopher S. Kehde, AIA

Service to the Chapter

Recognition of exemplary and meritorious conduct by a member in the service of the AIA Northern Virginia Chapter.

Recipient: Sunny Carroll, Assoc. AIA

Recipient: Thomas E. Becherer, Assoc. AIA

Recipient: Elizabeth Parry, AIA

Recipient: Alexandra Foster, Assoc. AIA

Recipient: Ava Helm, AIA

AIA Northern Virginia Chapter Award

Recognition of an individual or organization that has, through their professional activities and body of work, significantly inspired or influenced the architecture profession in Northern Virginia over a sustained period of time.

Recipient: Jonathan Shoemaker

Award of Special Recognition

Recognition of an individual or organization that supports and/or influences the architecture profession in Northern Virginia over a sustained period of time.

Recipient: Jacobs

ARE® Scholarship Recipients

Recipient: Shelby Pollack, Assoc. AIA

Recipient: Kimberly Wojcik, Assoc. AIA

Emerging Leaders in Architecture Nominee

Recipient: Hanna Keplinger, Assoc. AIA

For more information about the program and to view past honorees, visit <https://aianova.org/honor-awards/>.

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.

About AIA Northern Virginia

The American Institute of Architects Northern Virginia Chapter is a non-profit professional association representing more than 1,100 Northern Virginia architects, interns, and allied professionals. It encompasses 25 cities and counties in Virginia and was chartered by the **American Institute of Architects** in 1975. AIA Northern Virginia is one of five local components affiliated with **AIA Virginia**. The Chapter offers professional development, networking, and outreach opportunities as well as tours and lectures to advance the knowledge of architecture and practice among professionals and promote awareness and appreciation of architecture among the public.

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