AIA Northern Virginia

AIA Northern Virginia Announces 2026 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 Porcelanosa in Tysons, VA. 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 T.J. Meehan, AIA, Sr. Principal Product Manager, Tools at Autodesk, with eleven 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, one emerging professional received the new Pathway to Licensure Prize, and our twelve (12) newly licensed members were recognized for their achievements.

"It is always inspiring to see the incredible work and dedication of those who are helping shape our profession and our communities," said T.J. Meehan, AIA, Chair of the Honors and Nominations Committee. *"The Honor Awards allow us to shine a light on these remarkable individuals and organizations and celebrate the lasting impact they are making throughout Northern Virginia."*

The 2026 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: Chuck Swartz, AIA & Beth Reader, 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: Sonia Jarboe, AIA
Recipient: Roland Lemke, 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: Anh Tran, AIA

Service to the Chapter
Recognition of exemplary and meritorious conduct by a member in the service of the AIA Northern Virginia Chapter.
Recipient: Jin Park, AIA
Recipient: Rebecca Meyer, AIA
Recipient: Grace Gan, AIA & Bronwyn Redd, Assoc. 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: Jennifer Greenawalt

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: Burke & Herbert Bank

Pathway to Licensure Program Winner
Recipient: Aliza Qureshi, Assoc. AIA

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

About AIA Northern Virginia

The American Institute of Architects Northern Virginia Chapter is a non-profit professional association representing more than 1,200 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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