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AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS HURON VALLEY ANNOUNCES 2011 HONOR AWARDS RECIPIENTS AT BIENNIAL GALA AWARDS CEREMONY

As part of its commitment to advancing the contemporary understanding of architecture, the Huron Valley chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Huron Valley) announced the recipients of its 2011 Honor Awards Program at its biennial awards ceremony at the Michigan Theater on October 19th, 2011.

Twenty-six projects, designed by registered Architects practicing in the Huron Valley Chapter area (Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, and Washtenaw Counties), were submitted for consideration by an independent jury. Eight of the projects were selected by the jury to receive a merit-based Honor Award for the demonstration of skill and sensitivity in the resolution of aesthetic, functional and technical requirements and/or the advancement of the contemporary understanding of architecture. All submissions will be exhibited at several locations throughout the year, starting with the Ann Arbor District Library Malletts Creek branch for the month of November. In addition, a Student Project Award, an Emerging Architect Award, a Distinguished Community Service Award, and the Eugene Hopkins Distinguished Service Award were presented.

The 2011 AIA Huron Valley Honor Award recipients are:



□ **Building & Preservation** category: **Penchansky Whisler Architects**, of Ann Arbor, won an Honor Award for the 19,500 s.f., \$4.2M Ferndale Public Library expansion and renovation in Ferndale, Michigan. Contractor: Frank Rewold & Son, Inc. *“The Ferndale Public Library has a number of compelling interior spaces; however, it is the resolution of the exterior elements that distinguish this project. The selective and distributed additions transform the original structure by imparting form, daylight, and materiality into what otherwise appeared to be a rather monolithic facility”*



□ **Building & Preservation** category: **Quinn Evans Architects**, of Ann Arbor, won an Honor Award for the 99,000 s.f., \$31M School of Education expansion and historic preservation at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Contractor: J.P. Cullen, Inc. *“The School of Education project balances a number of design challenges very successfully. The design solution very nicely integrates new public spaces in a way that leverages pedestrian connectivity, view sheds and the character of the existing structure. The latest expansion to this historic structure follows patterns set by previous interventions; new elements have a design clarity that strengthens the whole while not slavishly copying the original structure.”*



□ **Interior Architecture** category: **Damian Farrell Design Group**, of Ann Arbor, won an Honor Award for the 3,200 s.f., Great Plains Burger Company, in Ann Arbor, Michigan for AAB LLC. Contractor: AAB/DFDG (cost withheld). *“The Great Plains Burger Company project was envisioned as a tasteful, adaptable prototype that reinforced a developing brand. The jury felt the design solution creatively accomplished its mission through the merger of color, simple yet thoughtfully detailed materials, and evocative forms.”*

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□ **Interior Architecture** category: **Hobbs+Black Associates**, of Ann Arbor, won an Honor Award for the 142,000 s.f., \$16.1M Masco Cabinetry Corporate Office in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Contractor: DMG Construction Services. *“The Jury felt that this project illustrated a consistent and thematic design solution. The organizational concept is underscored by Collaborative work environments; each of which has a slightly unique character while working within a cohesive whole. Leveraging the expansive daylight the existing building design offered and the restrained use of color is especially effective.”*



□ **Small Project / Low Budget** category: **Lewis Greenspoon Architects**, of Ann Arbor, won an Honor Award for the 420 s.f., Abelson Residence addition in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Contractor: Custom Design/Build (construction cost withheld). *“The Abelson Residence was crafted with the goal of expanding a kitchen, mudroom and bedroom while maintaining the simple style and massing of the original structure. The Jury appreciated the careful attention to the scale and character of the existing home. The addition concisely achieves the stated goals of the owner while creating simple yet dramatic interior spaces.”*



□ **Residential** category: **Quinn Evans Architects**, of Ann Arbor, won an Honor Award for the 4,500 s.f. Tai Keiser Residence in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Contractor: Christian Tennant Custom Homes (construction cost withheld). *“This project stood out for a number of reasons; it’s attention to detail; the commitment to craft and honest materials; and the resolution of the tension between the desire for a period home and the need to accommodate 21st century living.”*



□ **Unbuilt Work** category: **Doug Kelbaugh, FAIA**, of Ann Arbor, won an Honor Award for the 15,000 s.f. Dubai Mosque in United Arab Emirates. *“The Dubai Mosque impressed us as a dynamic, figural worship space. The clarity of the plan and layers of building scrims imply what can only be imagined as wonderfully dynamic spaces; dappled in sunlight by day and acting as beacons in the night.”*



□ **Unbuilt Work** category: **HKS Architects**, of Northville, won an Honor Award for the 1.2M s.f. King Fahad Medical City in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. *“The King Fahad Medical City project has a thematic clarity and consistency that serves the project well. The jury especially appreciated the use of symbolic forms and geometry, most notably in the entry and screen wall.”*



□ **Unbuilt Work** category: **HKS Architects**, of Northville, won an Honor Award for the 307,000 s.f. St. Joseph Mercy Oakland South Tower in Pontiac, Michigan. *“The St. Joseph Mercy project successfully employs a restrained design solution, which focuses it’s enthusiasm in key public areas. The design narrative describes the goal of creating an understated elegance, which the jury felt was reinforced by the voluminous but welcoming lobby and the selective integration of the floor level armatures at the main entry.”*

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□ The **Eugene Hopkins Distinguished Service Award** was presented to **Michael Strother, AIA**, of Ann Arbor. This award honors a chapter member who has clearly demonstrated distinguished and outstanding service to the AIA. The award recognizes Mr. Strother for his participation in AIA Detroit and serving in multiple AIA Huron Valley Chapter offices and on the AIA Michigan Board, as well as his leadership in the creation of the Ann Arbor Guide to Architecture and the accompanying pod casts.



□ The **Distinguished Community Service Award** was presented to **Bonnie Scheffler Bona, AIA**, of Clean Energy Coalition. This award honors a chapter member who has performed distinguished and outstanding service to the broader community through involvement in government, volunteer, or service organizations, or who has provided pro-bono architectural services to community organizations. This award recognizes Ms. Bona for her ongoing public service as a member of the Allen Creek Greenway Conservancy Advisory Committee and as a member and chairperson of the City of Ann Arbor Planning Commission.



□ The **Emerging Architect Award** was presented to **Diane McIntyre, AIA**, of Ann Arbor, for her exceptional accomplishments in and contribution to the profession. This award recognizes proficiency and exceptional accomplishments in and contribution to the profession by a young architect and AIA Huron Valley Member. Ms. McIntyre is recognized for her accomplishments as an architect and project manager and serving in AIA Huron Valley Chapter Offices.



□ The **Student Project Award** was presented to **Xinyu Li**, of the University of Michigan, for his Vertical Campus design for Columbia College in Chicago, Illinois. *“The jury felt that the project was certainly comprehensive, well thought-out at different levels, and that it became a thorough composition. The graphics are well done, illustrating how the various parts were considered and intertwined. The jury appreciated the use of red dots with the photos to portray views of the surrounding city as experienced from the building.”*

For more information or additional digital photographs of the projects contact David Lewis, AIA at dlewis@lg-architects.com or (734) 786-3757.

The American Institute of Architects is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to organize and unite its members and to continuously improve the profession of architecture. The Huron Valley Chapter is comprised of architects in Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, and Washtenaw Counties.

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