

AIA NEW YORK STATE, AN ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, CELEBRATES ARCHITECTS DRIVING CHANGE IN THE PROFESSION

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Albany, NY – February 11, 2025 – The American Institute of Architects New York State (AIANYS) honored exceptional architects, design professionals and chapter committees at its prestigious 2024 Honor Awards ceremony, held in conjunction with the 2025 Board Installation Dinner on January 30, 2025. This annual event recognizes individuals and organizations whose outstanding contributions have significantly advanced the architectural profession and embody the values of the AIA.

"The 2024 Honor Award recipients represent the pinnacle of architectural achievement in New York State," said Willy Zambrano, FAIA, 2024 AIANYS President. "Their dedication, innovation, and impact on our communities are truly inspiring."

"We are immensely proud to celebrate these remarkable individuals and organizations," added Georgi Ann Bailey, CAE, Hon. AIA, Executive Vice President of AIANYS. "Their commitment to excellence serves as a testament to the power of architecture to shape our world."

2024 Honor Award Recipients:

Associate Award: Recognizes notable contributions by an Associate AIA member.

Tooba Jalal, Assoc. AIA: Ms. Jalal's journey from Karachi to New York City exemplifies resilience and dedication. Her work emphasizes community-driven design and DEI initiatives. As ENYA Co-Chair and NAC State Representative, she fosters collaboration and strengthens the architectural community.

Young Architect Award: Honors architects demonstrating exceptional leadership and contributions to the profession.

Nicolette Havrish, AIA: Ms. Havrish is a driving force within the AIA, championing diversity and inclusion, mentoring emerging professionals, and advocating for a more equitable and sustainable built environment.

Katherine Serrano Sosa, AIA: As a visionary Latina architect and founder of Rooted Architecture Studio, Ms. Serrano Sosa leads with resilience and inclusivity, creating empowering spaces for diverse communities.

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Local Chapter Emerging Professionals Committee Award: Celebrates chapter committees fostering emerging professional development.

AIA New York Chapter's Emerging New York Architects Committee (ENYA): For two decades, ENYA has provided invaluable resources and opportunities for young architects in New York City through programs like the TORCH Mentorship Program and the One-Night Design Sprint.

Matthew W. Del Gaudio Service Award: Recognizes sustained leadership and service to the profession.

Graciela Carrillo, FAIA: Ms. Carrillo is a visionary leader who has made significant contributions to the profession, including spearheading the development of a framework for a bias-free profession by 2050 and advocating for immigrant architects.

James William Kidney Gold Medal Award: The highest honor bestowed by AIANYS, recognizing a lifetime of impactful contributions.

Gerard F.X. "Guy" Geier II, FAIA: As Managing Partner of FXCollaborative, Mr. Geier has overseen the design of numerous award-winning projects. He is a tireless advocate for the profession, championing social and environmental justice, and nurturing the next generation of architects.

About AIANYS:

The American Institute of Architects New York State, comprised of 13 chapters representing over 9,750 architecture professionals, is dedicated to recognizing architectural excellence, advocating for the profession, and fostering a community committed to advancing the built environment.

Note to Editors:

High-resolution images of the award recipients and event are available upon request. For more information about AIANYS, please visit aianys.org.