

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

8-27-2013

AWARDS GIVEN IN PRESTIGIOUS AIA LOUISIANA DESIGN COMPETITION

The American Institute of Architects Louisiana affiliate awarded four honor awards, seven Merit Awards and one Member's Choice Award in its annual Design Awards competition. The awards were presented at the AIA Louisiana Design Conference Awards Banquet, held in Destin on August 2.

A total of 54 design projects by architects throughout Louisiana were entered in the prestigious Design Competition. AIA members attending the conference select the Members' Choice Award.

Receiving an Honor Award and the Members' Choice Award was Tipton Associates of Baton Rouge and Ashe Broussard Weinzettle Architects of Alexandria. The two firms collaborated on the Lambright Sports and Wellness Center at Louisiana Tech University. Other Honor Award winners were Eskew+Dumez+Ripple of New Orleans, Michael Hughes with UArkDb of Georgia, and Trapolin-Peer Architects of New Orleans.

Awards of Merit went to the joint venture of Coleman Partner Architects and kion.5 architects, both of Baton Rouge; studio WTA of New Orleans, Holly and Smith Architects of Hammond, Prevot Design Services of Shreveport, Lee Ledbetter & Associates of New Orleans, and Trapolin-Peer Architects of New Orleans.

FOLLOWING ARE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE WINNING HONOR AWARD PROJECTS:

Tipton Associates and Ashe Broussard Weinzettle Architects won both an Honor Award and the Member's Choice Award for their design of the Lambright Sports and Wellness Center at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston. The multi-use sports and wellness center synthesizes student athletics on campus and includes a new competitive aquatic center with a variety of recreational, dining and leisure opportunities. The aquatic center forms the base of the facility, and slender window openings and a patterned curtain wall create a lantern effect to the building at night. It also features the use a staggered wood slats, a cabana and glazed lobby, and interconnected indoor/outdoor spaces are all sheltered below a 40-foot tall super porch.

Eskew+Dumez+Ripple won an Honor Award for its design of the Arabella Street Residential Renovation in New Orleans. This renovation of a circa 1920 residence entailed a complete interior reconfiguration and addition of 1,500 square feet. It included an open living area and unique indoor/outdoor experience.

Trapolin-Peer won an Honor Award for its design of the James M. Singleton Head Start Center in New Orleans. The 13,000 square foot facility includes a central corridor with unobstructed classroom and

conference room layouts, direct access to indoor and outdoor play areas, and the use of sustainable building materials.

Michael Hughes with UArk DB won an Honor Award for his design of the pre-fab house to address issues of sustainability and affordable housing for inter-city America. He uses sustainable and unique construction techniques and energy saving strategies, including an open floor plan, high ceilings, front porches and attention to detail to provide pleasing aesthetic and spatial design.

AWARDS OF MERIT WINNERS AND THEIR PROJECTS ARE:

Studio WTA of New Orleans won for its renovation design of the John P. Ische Library Commons at the LSU Health Sciences Center. The new Library-Commons is divided into multi-media rooms, a café and study lounges, with the focal point being the café/coffee bar featuring a 1931 Enrique Alvarez frieze. Custom display cases provide barriers in spaces, and display a multitude of objects and artifacts showcasing the history of the institution and medicine.

Lee Ledbetter & Associates of New Orleans won for its design of an Avery Island residence with 360 degree views organized around a central square – the dining room. The central double-height octagon space allows for passive cooling, and the residence also features ample overhangs and porches.

Trapolin-Peer Architects of New Orleans won for its design of 910 Toulouse Street in New Orleans. This project includes three circa 1815 structures that were extensively renovated as family and apartment living spaces. The renovation incorporated contemporary materials working in union with the stringent Vieux Carre' building requirements, along with courtyard renovations.

The firm of Coleman Partners Architects of Baton Rouge and ikon.5 architects of New Jersey won an Award of Merit for their design of the LSU Business Education Complex. The design of the 167,000 square feet Business Education Complex included married traditional architectural forms of the LSU campus with contemporary materials and details. These included translucent mirror glass pavilions and the rotunda clad in a bronze solar screen. Portions of the glass create a moire' pattern, providing a three-dimensional appearance.

The Hammond architectural firm of Holly and Smith Architects won two Merit Awards for its renovation and expansion design of the Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU) Kinesiology, Health Studies and Nursing Building, and its design of Village de Jardin senior housing development in New Orleans.

The SLU building included a new entry, which includes two lantern-like tower elements that refer to the art deco design of many campus buildings and unites the building, a covered breezeway and bridge to an outdoor room, and windows which allow for maximum views and solar control.

The Village de Jardin housing community features a traditional neighborhood concept and includes multiple building types from single family to apartment buildings to a multi-use complex, all aligned to provide green space and community gardens.

Prevot Design Services of Shreveport won a Merit Award for its renovation design of the Geo T. Bishop downtown historic automobile dealership building in Shreveport. The project incorporated both preserving historic aesthetics and adding modern elements for the new offices and support spaces.

Modern day sleek finishes are now cast against rustic concrete, masonry, plaster and wood finishes of the past in the 24,000 square foot building.

###

Since 1857, the AIA has represented the professional interests of America's architects. As AIA members, nearly 80,000 licensed architects, emerging professionals, and allied partners express their commitment to excellence in design and livability in our nation's buildings and communities. Members adhere to a code of ethics and professional conduct to assure the client, the public, and colleagues of an AIA-member architect's dedication to the highest standards in professional practice.

For more information, see <http://www.aiaa.com>.