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AIA SAN DIEGO ANNOUNCES ITS 2009 AWARD WINNERS

The American Institute of Architects San Diego Chapter Recognizes the Year's Most Impressive Projects

May 9, 2009 (San Diego, Calif.) — The American Institute of Architects (AIA) San Diego chapter is pleased to announce the 2009 winners in its annual Design Awards and the Young Architect of the Year Award (YAYA) programs.

A distinguished panel of architects traveled to San Diego this past week to evaluate nominated projects and select the 2009 winners. Award winners were announced at the *AIA Design Awards Gala* held Saturday evening, May 9, 2009, at The Neurosciences Institute in La Jolla, Calif.

The 3-member jury panel was composed of:

- **Hagy Belzberg, AIA**, Principal of Belzberg Architects, Santa Monica, CA.
- **Curtis W. Fentress, FAIA, RIBA**, President and Principal-in-Charge of Design at Fentress Architects, Denver, CO.
- **Jinhee Park, AIA**, Principal of SINGLE speed DESIGN, Cambridge, MA.

In this year's program, the panel evaluated 64 total applications, across the following Award categories: Design Awards, Urban Solutions Award, Design Visionary Award, SDG&E's Energy Efficiency Integration Award, and AIASD's COTE Award. The jury chose to award the following distinctions:

HONOR AWARDS

AIA San Diego's highest award celebrates extraordinary, thoroughly resolved architectural design, worthy of the profession's highest regard.

- **Jardin de Jade Restaurant**
 - Firm: Joseph Wong Design Associates
- **UCSD Price Center East**
 - Firm: Yazdani Studio of Cannon Design

MERIT AWARDS

Recognizes exemplary, innovative, and well resolved design, worthy of professional recognition.

- **Bacon Street Offices**
 - Firm: ARCHITECTS hanna gabriel wells
- **Coalesse Showroom**
 - Firm: Luce et Studio Architects, Inc.
- **RIMROCK RANCH**
 - Firm: Lloyd Russell, AIA
- **The Energy Foundation**
 - Firm: TANNERHECT Architecture

CITATIONS

Recognizes distinctive aspects or elements of a design, which demonstrates noteworthy architectural skill or vision.

- **Lemperle Residence**
 - Firm: Jonathan Segal FAIA, Inc.
- **South Oxnard Branch Library**
 - Firm: Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects, Inc.

URBAN SOLUTIONS AWARD

Recognizes excellence in the creation and improvement of our physical environment by Architects. It is defined, for the awards program, as the realm of physical design encompassing master planning and landscape plans to conceptual architectural design. This definition includes research and the design of spaces at all scales: from places between buildings to regional master plans. It looks at time from the conception and expression of an idea to the many phases of a master plan.

Winner of the 2009 Urban Solutions Award:

Normal Heights Elementary School
Firm: Zagrodnik + Thomas Architects, LLP

DESIGN VISIONARY AWARD

Presented to a project of note that is not currently realized in physical form or is not currently under construction. The project may be theoretical in nature and need not be intended for construction.

Winner of the 2009 Design Visionary Award:

San Diego Community College Exercise Building Renovation
Firm: gkkworks

YOUNG ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR AWARD (YAYA)

The panel selected Kevin deFreitas, AIA, as this year's Young Architect of the Year. Mr. deFreitas is the Principal of Kevin deFreitas Architects, AIA, an architecture and development firm. A native of San Diego, Mr. deFreitas graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelors Degree in

Architecture, Mr. deFrietas worked as a Project Architect with local firm Studio E Architects before establishing his own firm in 1999.

SDG&E ENERGY EFFICIENCY INTEGRATION AWARD

In association with SDG&E's Savings By Design program, projects that have been given outstanding design consideration to energy performance will be recognized with the Energy Efficiency Integration Award. This award is open to commercial and institutional built projects only, which are located within the SDG&E service territory.

Winner of the 2009 SDG&E Energy Efficiency Integration Award:

Bacon Street Offices

Firm: ARCHITECTS hanna gabriel wells

COTE-SD Award

In its second year, the AIA San Diego chapter's Committee on the Environment (COTE) COTE-SD Award, was created to recognize the beauty of sustainable architecture that integrates buildings with the physical and cultural environment. Projects were evaluated against ten criteria, including factors like land use & site ecology, light & air, energy flows & energy future, bioclimatic design, materials & construction.

Winners of the 2009 COTE-SD Award:

- **Bacon Street Offices** / Firm: ARCHITECTS hanna gabriel wells
- **The Energy Foundation** / Firm: TANNERHECT Architecture

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS YEAR'S DESIGN AWARDS WINNERS, VISIT: www.aiasandiego.org

ABOUT THE DESIGN AWARDS

In its 49th year, the Design Awards program was created to highlight outstanding architecture; to elevate the standards of good design; and to inspire, educate and influence the architectural community. Originally instituted in 1960 as the bi-annual "Honor Awards Program," the program became an annual event in 1982 in response to increased participation, growing AIA visibility and heightened design awareness.

ABOUT THE YOUNG ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR AWARD (YAYA)

The Young Architect of the Year Award program, fondly known as the YAYA, was created to encourage renewal within the architectural community by recognizing and promoting the next generation of architects responsible for shaping the future of our built environment.

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About the AIA: With more than 80,000 members, the national AIA organization provides tools and resources to help architects meet the challenges of a complex and competitive marketplace. Over its 150-year history, the organization has grown to more than 300 local chapters. Its members have access to exclusive information and services on AIA websites and are kept abreast of latest developments through educational programs. The San Diego chapter serves the needs of more than 1,000 members from its offices in downtown San Diego; Tel 619.232.0109; www.aiasandiego.org.