

The AIA Honors Outstanding IDP Firms and Recipients of the 2005 Emerging Professionals Awards

In mid-April, the American Institute of Architects (AIA) recognized the winners of the 2005 Intern Development Program (IDP) Outstanding Firm Award and the 2005 AIA Emerging Professionals Awards.

IDP OUTSTANDING FIRM AWARD

Stahl Architects, based in Fargo, North Dakota, is the recipient of the 2005 IDP Outstanding Firm Award, given by the AIA's Intern Development Program Coordinating Committee. Established by sole proprietor Philip Stahl, the small firm fully integrates emerging professionals in all aspect of practice, including meetings with clients, contract negotiations, billing methods, debt collection, design, project estimating, and construction administration and management.

Each year, the IDP Coordinating Committee honors an architecture firm that is committed to the professional development of architectural interns based on its training opportunities, continuing education programs, and support of IDP. Wendy Ornelas, FAIA, the 2005 jury chair, explained, "As the field was narrowed, we began looking for firms that went beyond the norm or looked at IDP in a unique and supportive way for emerging professionals."

Stahl Architects, representing the small firm category, was among three finalists for the 2005 award. Also recognized were Caldwell Architects of Marina del Rey, California (medium firm category), and Torti Gallas and Partners of Silver Spring, Maryland (large firm category).

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS AWARDS

For the second consecutive year, the AIA's National Associates Committee (NAC) and Young Architects Forum (YAF) combined their respective awards programs in order to honor AIA members and affiliates dedicated to the professional development of emerging professionals. Three awards recipients were chosen in the following categories: Emerging Professionals Component of the Year, Associate Member of the Year, and Emerging Professionals Program of the Year.

Emerging Professionals Component of the Year

AIA California Council was named the 2005 Emerging Professionals Component of the Year in honor of its commitment to associate and young architect members and its development of programs focused on emerging professionals. In particular, AIA California Council was recognized for its Mentoring Handbook, programs such as the Emerging Professionals Track at the Desert Practice Conference, and the Academy for Emerging Professionals.

NAC and YAF jurors also recognized AIA Hampton Roads as an honorable mention. The component was commended for placing emerging professionals in leadership roles and for organizing programs specifically geared toward young architects.

Emerging Professionals Program of the Year

The "Educating Elementary Children Through Architecture" program sponsored by AIA Salt Lake City was honored as the 2005 Emerging Professionals Program of the Year. Organized around 30 architects who volunteered at eight elementary schools, the program allowed students to gain an appreciation and understanding for rhythm, materials, proportion, mass, entry, fenestration, density, and scale. The students then applied their knowledge to the creation of a "box city," which was displayed at a major Salt Lake City venue.

Associate AIA Member of the Year

Evelyn M. Lee, Assoc. AIA, of the AIA California Council has been named the 2005 Associate AIA Member of the Year. This is the highest honor NAC and YAF bestows on an individual associate member. Lee is recognized as being an exemplary leader who is uncommonly committed to her component. In particular, the jury noted "her work to encourage diversity within the architecture profession."

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2005 IDP Outstanding Firm Award and the 2005 Emerging Professionals Awards! [DC](#)