The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Buffalo / WNY Chapter and the Buffalo Architecture Foundation announced the recipients of the 2016 Architecture Design Awards at the Annual Design Awards Gala held at Twentieth Century Club on November 10, 2016. The AIA design awards are presented annually to honor local architects and their achievements and designs. The awards are presented to outstanding projects, both built and unbuilt that exemplify the best of quality, innovation, and collaboration in the profession. As a jury of our peers, the AIA Cincinnati chapter was tasked with selecting the most creative solutions in several categories. The following projects were recognized:

In special recognition, the Buffalo / WNY Architecture Award was given to the Scott Bieler Clinical Sciences Center by FXFowle Architects. This award is given to recognize the best submission of the 2016 Architecture Awards.

Special design award recognition was given to the House in the Woods by Architectural Resources. This project also received the small project award.

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MEET THE 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our 2017 Board of Directors is comprised of highly-talented professionals who volunteer their time and efforts, adding value to what AIA Buffalo/WNY has to offer. The directors are committed to furthering the profession and the impact we have on our local and global communities. If you are interested in joining as a volunteer, please contact us.

Michael Anderson, AIA, LEED AP+

Michael formed Abstract Architecture in 2014 with a focus on light-commercial and residential Architecture. The firm’s principles are reflective of his design beliefs, always emphasizing the complete integration of sustainable building techniques and environmentally sensitive design while respecting the existing built environment and the client’s desires and budget. The firm was rewarded for sticking to these principles with a 2016 Merit award at the chapter Architecture Awards for RiverWorks Entertainment complex. Michael has been a LEED-Accredited Professional in Building Design & Construction (BD+C) since 2005 and also sits on the board for Women in Construction and The Roycroft Campus Corporation. Extremely passionate about the profession of architecture, Michael holds the responsibilities that come with that title in the highest regard, having sat on the Buffalo / WNY AIA Chapter board since 2014, he is the 2017 President.

Tracy Conhiser-Uy, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C

Tracy is the chapter’s president-elect, representing our chapter at local and national events. After spending her childhood on her family’s dairy farm in the southern tier, Tracy relocated to the Buffalo area to pursue her Bachelors and Masters of Architecture degrees from the University at Buffalo. Licensed since 2005, Tracy is also a LEED Accredited Professional in Building Design & Construction and is currently an Associate Principal and Senior Architect at Wendel Companies. Her diverse professional portfolio includes housing, medical and the private sector, with a primary passion for serving educational clients. A mother of two boys, she is active in scouting and serves as committee chairperson for Cub Scout Pack 173.

David Zielinski, AIA

A licensed architect for over 10 years, David Zielinski is a healthcare project architect at Cannon Design where his expertise and skills are integral to the firm’s Kaleida Health projects. David’s project portfolio includes the NFMMC Golisano Center for Health, Buffalo Public Schools (Bennett, Riverside and Grover Cleveland high schools), the Kyocera Museum at Alfred State, and the Weinberg Campus. While earning his master’s degree in architecture from SUNY at Buffalo, David contributed to the Bronze book creation—a 2,000 lb. sculpture filled with Buffalo-based maps and buildings—that was recently donated to the Burchfield Penney Art Center. David enjoys renovating his Parkside home along with collecting historic Buffalo, New York, postcards. As chapter secretary, David leads the chapter’s programming committee so if you have an interesting topic to present, be sure to reach out and let him know.

Anne Dafchik, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP

Anne serves as chapter Treasurer and editor-in-chief for the quarterly newsletter. A graduate of the University at Buffalo, she has been licensed for over five years and is a Project Architect at Clark Patterson Lee. As a City of Buffalo resident, Anne gravitates towards municipal and commercial projects and has completed various projects and studies for the City. She regularly attends student reviews at the University and enjoys mentoring emerging professionals.

Yadira D. DeSantis, Associate AIA

Yady earned her B.P.S in Architecture from SUNY Buffalo in 2001 and works as a project designer at Kidney Architects in Buffalo, New York. Ms. DeSantis has been involved in the design of educational facilities such as the renovation and additions at City Honors School and most recently in the healthcare sector, the interior fit-out of collaborative medical office space for UBMD Physicians Group at the Conventus Building. In addition, she has also served as a committee member of the Buffalo Architecture Foundation’s Architecture + Education program since 2011.
Daniel Keefe, AIA, LEED AP

Daniel grew up in Syracuse, and relocated to Buffalo to complete his education at the University of Buffalo, where he obtained a master's degrees in Architecture and Urban Planning. He spent over 12 years at various Buffalo firms working on residential, commercial, institutional, and master planning projects. Since 2009, he has been an Associate Architect with the Buffalo Public Schools, where after helping complete the districtwide Joint Schools Reconstruction Board projects, continues to manage several dozen other projects and initiatives. Daniel resides in the Elmwood Village with his wife, son and daughter.

Michael LaValley, AIA, LEED AP

Michael is a Project Architect at Young + Wright Architectural. He has been a Board Member for AIA Buffalo / WNY since 2011 and is responsible for co-founding the Emerging Professionals Committee. He is also a previous recipient of the AIANYS Associate Award and the AIANYS ARE Scholarship. Michael has focused his volunteer efforts toward the advancement of Young Architects and the positive development of their careers.

Kenneth S. MacKay, AIA, NCARB

A graduate of Colgate University and the University at Buffalo, Ken is a clinical professor at UB’s School of Architecture and Planning. He was active in the School’s recent accreditation committee and is an articulate voice for pushing architectural design within the Buffalo community. In addition to teaching, Ken’s private practice includes healthcare and private sector work.

James Maurer, AIA

James Maurer received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Architecture degrees from the University at Buffalo, where he also conducted research in the field of universal design. He is currently a project architect at Wendel Companies. Over the last decade, he has worked on numerous projects throughout Western New York, including cultural, civic, and educational facilities as well as conducted accessibility assessments throughout the northeast United States. He currently serves on the board’s programming committee.

Jared Oakley, AIA

Jared is a Project Manager at Architectural Resources and is actively involved in a wide range of project types for various public and private clients. He holds degrees from the University of Rochester in Classical History and Psychology and a Masters in Architecture from University at Buffalo. Having worked in the design and construction industry for over 20 years, including owning a small design/build business, he is focused on comprehensive design principles and mentorship of emerging professionals. As an advocate for the urban community he is proud to live in the City of Buffalo with his wife and three children. Jared is also a competitive triathlete – an interest which has crossed over into the development of the Queen City Architecture Run, an event which celebrates the City of Buffalo and it’s rich architectural history.

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We are looking for volunteers to help with several committees. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the AIA Buffalo/WNY chapter and aren’t sure of the time commitment or what is involved, participation on a committee is a great way to find out. If you would like additional information or for a board member to reach out to you, please visit our Committees page.

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Deborah Pease, AIA

Deborah is a Principal Associate with Clark Patterson Lee, a full service architectural and engineering firm. Pease has over 30 years in the architectural industry and has worked on many buildings precious to Buffalo’s downtown skyline. Although Pease has practiced her architectural craft in the realm of health care, historic preservation and other building types, her passion and primary focus is educational work specifically K-12 buildings.

Kelly Wassum, Associate AIA

Kelly is a graduate of the Virginia Tech School of Architecture and Design where she received a Bachelor of Architecture degree with a minor in music. Originally from Western Pennsylvania, Kelly returned to Buffalo after studying in Blacksburg to pursue her career.

In addition to chairing the Chapter’s Emerging Professionals committee, Kelly plays the bassoon with the Amherst Symphony Orchestra and the Buffalo Niagara Concert Band. She enjoys the wide variety of events and activities the Buffalo Niagara region has to offer as well as watching the Virginia Tech Hokies football team and spending time with friends and family.

Linda B. Hewitt, Hon. AIANYS

Linda has been the Executive Director for the AIA Rochester Chapter for over 20 years and the Executive Director for AIA Buffalo / WNY Chapter for five years. Prior to that she owned her own consulting business and was a Manager for Sunoco Products. She is a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology, School of Business and served on the task force to create the Master of Architecture Program. She has been on several AIA NYS and AIA National Committee’s and is a founding member of The Architectural Foundation of Greater Rochester.

The 2016 Holiday Party was held on December 15th in the newly renovated Hayes Hall. Tremco sponsored the event and door prize winners went home with new books to add to their libraries.
Introducing the AIA Conference on Architecture

The theme of AIA Conference on Architecture 2017, “anticipate,” takes a bold, fresh look at how the architecture profession is evolving, and what it means to anticipate needs, challenges, and changes in our shared world. Registration is now open for the conference, held this year in Orlando (April 27–29), which promises three immersive days focused on design’s vanguard and how architects can seize opportunities to design a better world.

“Architecture and urban design are keys to improving the lives of our globe’s urbanized billions, so many of whom are living on the margins,” says AIA President Thomas Vonier, FAIA. “Our Day 1 keynoters—Alejandro Aravena, Francis Kéré, and Michael Murphy—are architects who anticipate such needs, and show the way forward.”

Day 1: Alejandro Aravena

Last year was a big year for Chilean-born Alejandro Aravena, who received the Pritzker Prize and directed the Venice Biennale. Aravena has spent his career focusing on public interest projects with social impact. His ground-breaking social housing projects and urban planning carefully define and anticipate needs and challenges, including poverty, pollution, congestion, and segregation. His built work reduces energy consumption, mitigates the impact of natural disasters, and shapes lives.

Day 1: Francis Kéré

West Africa’s Francis Kéré employs architecture as a social tool. Kéré’s brand of community architecture uses design, planning, and construction as a platform for local expression and empowerment, and a catalyst for social, economic, and ecological progress. In 2005, he founded Kéré Architecture to reinvest in his Burkina Faso community and beyond. Radically Simple, the most comprehensive exhibit of his work to date, is currently on exhibit at Architekturmuseum in Munich.

Day 1: Michael Murphy

Boston area’s Michael Murphy creates has been exploring the relationship between architecture and social justice since graduate school. In 2010, he co-founded MASS Design Group, which has since expanded into 10 countries. In 2012, MASS Design and Michael’s project, Rwanda’s Butaro District Hospital, set a “new standard for public interest design,” according to the New York Times. Subsequent projects continue to explore the critical role architecture can play in offering beautiful, functional solutions to deeply embedded social problems.

Together, they’re pushing the boundaries of collaborative practice and architecture’s unique role in communities and building a better tomorrow. In the process, they’re creating powerful works of architecture that address key challenges for clients, society, and our planet. Hear their powerful words on Day 1 of A’17.

Learn more about the event and register today.

The AIA Conference on Architecture 2017 will be held in Orlando, Florida on April 27-29.
Merit Awards were also given for the following categories:

Addition/Renovation:
- **Addison Middle High School Addition**
  - Cannon Design

Commercial / Institutional:
- **D’Youville College**
  - School of Arts, Science and Education Building
  - Stieglitz Snyder Architecture

Historic Preservation:
- **FIVE HUNDRED SENECA**
  - CJS Architects

Residential:
- **GRoW House**
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We thank all the companies and individual Architects who submitted projects, all of which can be seen at the Design Awards website. The digital version of the awards publication is also available on the chapter website.

We would be remiss if we didn’t thank our sponsors, who along with the local architecture community, are the life blood of these events. The leadership of the chapter extends its gratitude to the following companies:

- **RP Oak Hill Building Company Inc.**
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**Pro Bono Publico Award | Distinguished Design**
- **Sail Buffalo | CJS Architects**

**Pro Bono Publico Award | Distinguished Service**
- VFW and American Legion Volunteer Architects and Allied Colleagues of AIA Buffalo/WNY

**BAC Community Award**
- Kaleidoscope at Connecting Terminal
  - Foit-Albert Associates & Ambiance Design Productions
AIA Buffalo/WNY is extremely lucky to have a group of partners who have signed on as part of our Allied Members program. The money raised from these memberships is primarily used to pay for the chapter scholarship and special event programming and without the help of these companies and individuals we would not be able to provide all the benefits that we strive to. The chapter would like to extend a big thank you to the following:

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We are still looking for our first architectural firm to sign on, with special benefits provided to those firms that choose to join. For further information and to download the application and informational PDF please visit the [website](https://www.aiabuffalowny.org/scholarship).

2017 Scholarship Opens
Yadira D. DeSantis, Associate AIA

Applicants must have graduated from a high-school within the AIA Buffalo/Western New York Chapter which is comprised of Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Orleans, Genesee, and Wyoming Counties and must have completed at least one year of course work in a B.Arch or M.Arch program.

The AIA Buffalo/WNY Chapter with the Buffalo Architecture Foundation will dispense up to $3,000 in scholarship funding for the 2017/2018 academic year. Amounts awarded will depend on quantity and quality of applicants and will be applied to the academic year. The AIA Buffalo/WNY Chapter Scholarship is partially funded by a grant from AIA National.

The chapter will also be sponsoring the AIA Buffalo/WNY & UB School of Architecture Undergraduate Scholarship beginning in the 2017/2018 academic year. The new scholarship will be administered by the chapter and the University at Buffalo's School of Architecture & Planning. The local chapter will provide $2,000 in funding for a student in the school's undergraduate architecture program, with candidate selections to be made by school faculty and advisors. This yearly award will be funded by the collection of chapter Allied Membership dues and programming fees from such events as the annual Design Awards and the Architecture 5K Run.

Please visit [https://www.aiabuffalowny.org/scholarship](https://www.aiabuffalowny.org/scholarship) for additional information and to download the application.

Any questions can be directed to [info@aiabuffalowny.org](mailto:info@aiabuffalowny.org).