



## The 2014 LEEDership Awards



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## U.S. Green Building Council Florida Gulf Coast Chapter Celebrates 2014 LEEDership Awards

St. Petersburg, FL (October 19, 2014)-- The U.S. Green Building Council Florida Gulf Coast Chapter hosted its fifth annual LEEDership Awards on October 15, 2014 at the University of South Florida-St. Petersburg Campus' LEED Gold Certified University Student Center.

The Chapter's annual awards program recognized and honored the outstanding green building projects, forward-thinking businesses, innovative design teams, and instrumental Chapter members who have displayed green building and sustainable development leadership on the Gulf Coast of Florida through their practices of the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) LEED certification -- the leading international third-party green-building certification.

Dave Pogue, Global Director of Corporate Responsibility for CBRE, Inc., and an essential contributor to sustainability discourse globally, emceed the event. Armed with leading research, 40 years of real estate experience, and some pockets of humor, Mr. Pogue told the story of the Gulf Coast Region's green adoption, offering, "Every award recipient tonight, as well as every nominee's team member, matters to the research we continue to pursue. My congratulations to all of the winners locally, and my thanks to them for driving trends tracked internationally."

The President of the Chapter, Lacey Willard of CBRE, Inc., said, "For five years in a row now, our LEEDership Award recipients have become imperative to driving our Chapter's mission. With every award bestowed, every building certified, every advocate accredited, and every community event sold out, we inch closer to truly adopting sustainability in our region. We should be proud of our accomplishments toward our vision, and excited about the opportunities we will continue to undertake together."

More than 125 green building practitioners, professionals and Chapter members attended the event, which included the Chapter's Annual Meeting, a networking hour, a seated dinner, a keynote address from Dave Pogue, and the awards ceremony. The Chapter also celebrated its exceedingly successful programming for 2014, where members rallied to attend the Green Apple Day of Service, bi-monthly educational luncheons, Giving Challenge, AIA's CANstruction benefitting All Faiths Food Bank, and monthly continuing-education events, while collaborating with fellow sustainability leader such as the University of Florida, ASHRAE, and Sarasota County.

Throughout the awards event, the Chapter invited iconic community members to present, including Michael Carlson, Christopher Davis, Josh Bomstein, Travis Barnes, Chris Prather, Taylor Ralph and Kent Walling. Award recipients were selected by an independent committee of judges from outside our Chapter's region, and participated in a blind-judging process.

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The event was made possible with the sponsorships from MetWest International, TLC Engineering, Luma Stream, OT9 Design, CBRE, Inc., Biltmore Construction, Baldwin Krystyn Sherman, Creative Contractors, D.C. Herrmann and Assoc., REAL Building Consultants, Duke Energy, and Buccaneer Landscape Management.

### The USGBC Florida Gulf Coast Chapter Congratulates and Recognizes the 2014 LEEDership Awards Recipients

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- LEED FOR HOMES: TipTopHaus / Submitted by Josh Wynne Construction  
*The design includes many of the Florida vernacular architectural features that make a home built in Florida inherently more efficient.*
- LEED FOR COMMERCIAL INTERIORS: KPMG-Tampa / Submitted by ASD  
*The new Workplace of the Future has been proven to be a success.*
- LEED FOR CORE & SHELL: Axelrod Medical Pavilion at Morton Plant Hospital / Submitted by Creative Contractors, Inc.  
*The Axelrod Pavilion is the first green building on the hospital campus and one of the first medical offices in the region to achieve this milestone.*
- LEED FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS: Renaissance Center / Submitted by exp U.S. Services, Inc.  
*Why have one LEED building when you can have four? This multi-building corporate campus is located in Tampa.*
- LEED FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION: Design Styles Architecture Headquarters / Submitted by Design Styles Architecture, Inc.  
*The goal of this project was to restore and preserve a historically significant building while embracing the principles of sustainable design.*
- LEED FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION - HIGHER EDUCATION: University of Tampa West Kennedy Hall / Submitted by The Beck Group  
*The goals of the project were to construct a premier residence hall that would demonstrate thoughtful, efficient, healthy and sustainable design and construction practices.*
- BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: Josh Wynne Construction  
*Carbon neutral concepts, 100% zero-energy construction, smaller and more affordable options for a larger demographic, some work in neighborhood re-development and weatherization, and even some work with local government to consider smarter planning strategies related density and growth, are all within our reach.*
- MUNICIPALITY OF THE YEAR: City of Oldsmar  
*With its recent achievements of being certified a Silver Florida Green Local Government by the Florida Green Building Coalition and earning two LEED Silver Certifications for two separate buildings, the organization demonstrates leadership, advocacy and commitment to the advancement of the USGBC's mission.*

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- **COMMUNITY LEADER OF THE YEAR:** Edible Peace Patch / Submitted by Julius the Architect, LLC  
*Dr. Kent "Kip" Curtis began the Edible Peace Patch Project as part of his curriculum at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg; the goal of the Peace Patch Project is to create economic and self-development opportunity for youth, young adults, and the unemployed on the south side of St. Petersburg.*
- **INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITIONS:** Tessa Lesage, Tony Stefan and Sarah Mason as Branch Members of the Year; Leigh Kendall as Chapter Member of the Year; and Lee Cooke as recipient of the President's Award.

For more information concerning the 2014 LEEDership Award Recipients, including project information and project photos, as well as event photos, contact the USGBC Florida Gulf Coast Chapter's Executive Director, Lee Cooke at [lcooke@usgbc-fgc.org](mailto:lcooke@usgbc-fgc.org) or 561-373-7367.

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#### **About the USGBC Florida Gulf Coast Chapter**

*Celebrating more than 11 years of sustainable built environment impact, the mission of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the USGBC is to lead the region toward sustainability by encouraging and advancing environmentally friendly knowledge and values as they pertain to the built environment and its relationship and impact on nature and human kind. The nonprofit organization hosts regular networking events, education programs, building tours, seminars and other events to expand green building knowledge, practice and success on the Gulf Coast of Florida. Learn more by visiting <http://www.usgbc-fgc.org>.*