



## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS AIA INDIANA SERVICE AWARDS

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AIA Indiana honors architects, community leaders, and firms who have made a lasting impact on the profession and their communities. The annual Service Awards recognize individuals or organizations who demonstrate excellence in design, leadership, and advocacy.

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

An individual may submit themselves for an award or submit on another individual's behalf. Each award nomination must include:

- A brief summary of the nominee's qualifications, specifically addressing how they meet the award criteria.
- A biography and resume
- Supporting materials (project images, articles, letters of recommendation)
- Contact information for the nominee
- Only digital submissions will be accepted
- Email submissions to [jshelley@aiaindiana.org](mailto:jshelley@aiaindiana.org) with the award name in the subject line
- **Submission Deadline: 4 p.m., Thursday, June 19, 2025**
- **Presentation Ceremony:** Friday, September 19, 2025

For questions, contact Jason Shelley at [jshelley@aiaindiana.org](mailto:jshelley@aiaindiana.org) or 317.634.6993.

### Judging and Selection Process

- **Awards Jury**
  - The awards jury will consist of a minimum of three jurors
  - The panel will be assembled from the most qualified set of architects, business leaders, educators, and/or elected officials willing to serve.
  - The jury shall be highly qualified and represent as diverse a set of genders, ethnicities, and roles in the profession as reasonably practicable.
  - Jurors shall inform all other jurors of prior relationships with the nominees.
- **AIA Indiana Board of Directors Assessment:** The AIA Indiana Executive Director will solicit confidential opinions from the AIA Indiana Board of Directors for all nominees. These opinions will be anonymized and provided to the awards jury for consideration.
- **Jury Evaluation Criteria:**
  - Alignment with the award's mission and values.
  - Measurable contributions to the profession and the community.
  - Demonstration of leadership, innovation, and advocacy.
  - The jury shall consider all feedback received from the board, but shall not penalize nominees who do not receive feedback from the board. It is unreasonable to expect that all qualified nominees will have a relationship with the current board.
- **Final Approval:** The AIA Indiana Board of Directors will approve award selections.

# AWARD DESCRIPTIONS & CRITERIA

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## EDWARD D. PIERRE AWARD

Named in honor of Edward D. Pierre, FAIA, a visionary architect and community leader known for his advocacy in urban planning, child welfare, and affordable housing. The award recognizes an AIA Indiana member who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in advocating for the welfare of communities through architecture, planning, and civic engagement.

### AWARD CRITERIA

- Must have a track record of advocating for socially responsible architecture/planning.
- Must demonstrate a commitment to community planning and outreach.
- Should be known as a caring, ethical, and inspiring leader.

## JULIET PEDDLE AWARD

Juliet Peddle was the first registered female architect in Indiana. She was known for her dedication to historic preservation and architectural excellence. This award honors an architect who has shown perseverance, leadership, and commitment to pioneering new frontiers in the profession.

### AWARD CRITERIA

- Must have significantly impacted the profession through mentorship or advocacy.
- Must be recognized for resilience and dedication to architectural excellence.
- Must have a history of fostering an inclusive and supportive professional environment.

### Scholarship

The Indiana Architecture Foundation (IAF) will present a \$500 scholarship to the college or school of architecture designated by the AIA Indiana Juliet Peddle Award recipient. The scholarship will be donated in his or her name and will also acknowledge IAF. The value of the scholarship shall be \$500.

## WALTER S. BLACKBURN AWARD

Walter S. Blackburn, FAIA, was an influential architect and advocate for diversity and the arts in Indiana. This award recognizes a non-architect who has provided significant service or support to the architectural profession in Indiana.

### AWARD CRITERIA

- Must be a non-architect who has demonstrated a history of successful collaboration with architects to promote design excellence.
- Must be widely respected for integrity and commitment to professional and community development.

## DISTINGUISHED FIRM AWARD

This award honors a firm who, through consistent leadership, vision, and ability, has distinguished itself through design and implementation of works of architecture that enhance the quality of our environment. The firm must also demonstrate consistent support for their employee's advancement of the architectural profession and to community involvement.

### AWARD CRITERIA

- The firm must have at least one principal who is an AIA Indiana member.
- Must exhibit excellence in design, professional development, and community service.
- Character: The firm's leadership must be described as ethical, collaborative, and forward-thinking.

## NEXT GEN AWARD

This award recognizes an unlicensed Associate AIA Indiana member who epitomizes outstanding leadership, creativity, and a steadfast dedication to enhancing their AIA section, the architectural profession, and their local community. The nominee should serve as a shining example within the organization. AIA Indiana will sponsor the Next Gen Award recipient's application for the next upcoming AIA National Associates Award.

### AWARD CRITERIA

- Must surpass expectations in commitment to the profession of architecture
- Must have been responsible for driving positive local change
- Must embody exemplary leadership qualities and professional standards.
- Must have graduated from a NAAB-accredited program within 10 years from the date of submission, but be unlicensed in all jurisdictions.
- Must be actively enrolled in the NCARB AXP program.

## TONY COSTELLO YOUNG ARCHITECT AWARD

The award honors a registered AIA Indiana architect - who is 40 or younger – for his or her exceptional accomplishments and contributions to the profession. The nominee must demonstrate outstanding accomplishments in architecture and public service.

### AWARD CRITERIA

- Must be 40 or younger on the date of submission for the award
- Must have made excellent contributions to the profession
- Must be engaged in mentorship and professional development.
- Character: Must be seen as a role model and ethical leader by peers.

## AIA INDIANA GOLD MEDAL AWARD

The highest honor AIA Indiana awards annually is the Gold Medal, which recognizes an AIA Indiana member for a career of significant accomplishments and contributions in promoting the highest ideals of the architectural profession. More than one award may be made each year.

### SELECTION COMMITTEE

Unlike other AIA Indiana Service Awards, the Gold Medal will be awarded by the AIA Indiana Executive Board, plus three Gold Medal winners or as many who are willing and capable of serving. The AIA Indiana Board of Directors will give the final approval of the committee's recommended winner.

### AWARD CRITERIA

- The individual must have achieved a distinguished career and promoted the highest ideals of the architectural profession. These exemplary accomplishments may include the following:
  - Significant contributions or accomplishments in:
    - Aesthetics
    - Scientific Contributions
    - Professional Practice
  - A distinguished career in critical aspects of the profession:
    - Historic preservation
    - Sustainability
    - Urban Design
    - Urban Planning
    - Professional education and service
    - Critical discourse and publications
    - Research and development
  - Those who exemplify many years of service to society through significant involvement and leadership in
    - the AIA or allied professional associations at the national, state, and/or section levels.
    - Significant voluntary endeavors which promote the highest ideals of service to society on an international, national or local scale.
- May be awarded posthumously

# AWARD HISTORY AND RECIPIENTS

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## EDWARD D. PIERRE AWARD

Named in honor of Edward D. Pierre, FAIA, (1890–1971), who was a crusader for the welfare of children, decent housing for all, peace, and socially responsible urban planning.

Born in Fort Wayne May 22, 1890, he received his bachelor's degree in architecture from the Institute of Technology in 1915, after studying one year at Valparaiso University. He worked in the office of Albert Kahn in Detroit three years before serving in the Army Corps of Engineers in World War I. Following the war, Pierre established a private practice in Indianapolis and associated with George Caleb Wright from 1926-1944. He was the head of his own firm until his retirement in 1944.

An AIA member for 41 years, Pierre served as president of AIA Indiana and was elevated to a Fellow in 1951, for his achievements in design. He served on various State and National AIA committees. He was president of the Architect's Association and the Construction League of Indianapolis, director of Indiana Society of Architects and as an ardent advocate of community planning, he was the founder of the Long Rangers, Inc., an organization of volunteers working for the local, state and national betterment. He was honored for his design work, including Indiana State Library and Historical Building at Tech High School, and known for his passion for helping better his community.

### Past Recipients

1971 Richard C. Lennox, AIA  
1972 Charles J. Betts, FAIA  
1973 Arthur L. Burns, FAIA  
1974 William G. Rammel, AIA  
1975 James L. Walker, Jr., AIA  
1976 Alfred J. Porteous, AIA  
1977 Robert N. Kennedy, FAIA  
1978 James J. Schenkel, AIA  
1979 James M. Turner, AIA  
1980 Henry G. Meier, AIA  
1981 Gordon Gibbs, AIA  
1982 Wayne Schmidt, AIA  
1983 John Jelliffe, AIA  
1984 Joseph McGuire, AIA  
1985 William C. Moe, AIA  
1986 Lynn H. Molzan, FAIA  
1987 Bob Book, AIA (posthumous)  
1988 Ray Thompson, FAIA  
1989 Horace Cantrell, FAIA  
1990 Barbara Siemens, AIA  
1991 Ray Kirchoff, AIA

1992 Don Sporleder, FAIA  
1993 – No Recipient  
1994 Charles M. Sappenfield, FAIA  
1995 Raymond W. Casati, AIA  
1996 Lee J. Brockway, AIA  
1997 Anthony Costello, AIA  
1998 Walter S. Blackburn, FAIA  
1999 Susan Allen, FAIA  
2000 Nolan G. Bingham, AIA  
2001 John H. Shoaff, AIA  
2002 Dean L. Upshaw, AIA  
2003 Michael A. McKay, AIA  
2004 Shelia K. Snider, FAIA  
2005 James T. Kientle, FAIA  
2006 Dean Illingworth, FAIA  
2007 James Douglas Smith, AIA  
2008 Don Altemeyer, AIA  
2009 Robert N. Kennedy, FAIA  
2010 Deb Kunce, FAIA  
2011 Scott Veazey, AIA  
2012 Sanford Garner, AIA  
2013 – No Recipient  
2014 Ron Dick, AIA

2015 John Hawkins, AIA  
2016 Jason Larrison, AIA  
2017 Zachary Benedict, AIA  
2018 Steve Risting, AIA  
2019 Steve Alspaugh, AIA

2020 Justin Ferguson, AIA  
2021 Gary Vance, FAIA  
2022 Ron Fisher, AIA  
2023 Kate Warpool, AIA  
2024 Sarah Hempstead, AIA

## **JULIET PEDDLE AWARD**

Created in 1999, this award is named after the first female registered architect in Indiana, Terre Haute native Juliet Peddle (1899-1979). Juliet was the second woman to graduate from the University of Michigan School of Architecture. She worked with Edward H. Clark, Inc, in Chicago and co-founded the Chicago Architectural Women's Forum and edited The Architrave. Peddle returned to Terre Haute and opened her own office in 1939, which she ran for more than 30 years.

Peddle's interest in architecture and local history led her to do a research project of historic buildings and houses for the Vigo County Historical Society. By 1940, she developed an idea for a series of newspaper articles on local historic buildings to enlighten the community about structures which had either been altered or completely removed. When first displayed her 60 pencil sketches were highly praised for their exactness and charm. She decided to limit the scope of her series to buildings built before the Civil War to recreate Terre Haute in an earlier era of growth and prosperity.

Juliet Peddle died at the age of 80 in 1979. Juliet Peddle Park in Terre Haute was named in her memory shortly after her death.

### **Past Recipients**

1999 Susan May Allen, FAIA  
2000 William R. Ponko, AIA  
2001 Sheila K. Snider, FAIA  
2002 Anthony J. Costello, FAIA  
2003 LeRoy S. Troyer, FAIA  
2003 Valentina Williamson - special award  
2004 Craig W. Mullins, FAIA  
2005 James T. Kientle, FAIA  
2006 – No Recipient  
2007 Robert A. Fisher, AIA  
2008 Dean Illingworth, FAIA  
2009 Sanford Garner AIA  
2010 Wayne Schmidt, FAIA

2011 Mark Demerly, AIA  
2012 Deb Kunce, FAIA  
2013 – No Recipient  
2014 Zach Benedict, AIA  
2015 Steve Alspaugh, AIA  
2016 Lisa Gomperts, AIA  
2017 – No Recipient  
2018 Sarah Hempstead, AIA  
2019 Dodd Kattman, AIA  
2020 Jack Faber, AIA  
2021 Scott Pannicke, AIA  
2022 Megan Crites, AIA  
2023 Jason Larrison, AIA  
2024 Rachel Lindemann, AIA

## WALTER S. BLACKBURN AWARD

Walter S. Blackburn made a courageous but judicious decision in 1963, when armed with an architectural degree from Howard University he returned to his hometown of Indianapolis. It was a time when there were not a lot of prospects for young, black architects, but anyone who knew Blackburn knew his passion for Indianapolis and the arts.

He spent his career designing and giving back to his community. Following his untimely death in 2000, AIA Indiana Board of Directors renamed the Don E. Gibson Award the Walter S. Blackburn Award. It's given annually to a non-architect for his or her service to the community.

Walter first enrolled at Purdue University to study engineering but then decided to get his architectural degree at Howard, where is where he met Alpha Coles, who became his wife and later business partner. They founded Blackburn Architects in 1981. The couple won national awards for their work, including Grace Apostolic Church, the Indianapolis Artsgarden and former RCA Dome. One of the last projects was the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati.

Walter was elevated as Fellow of American Institute of Architects in 1990, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Howard University and AIA Indiana's Edward Pierre Award. In addition to being a leader in the local, state and national AIA, he was a member of the Indiana Arts Commission and on several local arts organizations and nonprofits.

### Past Recipients

#### Don E. Gibson Award:

1971 Richard Lugar  
1972 Alice Weltry Nichols  
1973 Eli Lilly  
1974 M. Thomas Harrison  
1975 John Taylor Windler  
1976 William K. McGowan  
1977 Jane Blaffer Owen  
1978 Pegg Kennedy  
1979 Dr. Richard Burkhart  
1980 Richard Gordon Hatcher  
1981 Frank P. Lloyd, M.D.  
1982 Lilly Endowment  
1983 Virginia Delap  
1984 Anne Detmer  
1985 J. Reid Williamson  
1986 Foellinger Foundation  
1987 David Hermansen  
1988 Grazella Bush  
1989 Ken Englund, Hon ISA  
1990 Ball Corporation  
1991 Janet Hollingsworth  
1992 Mr. and Mrs. Judd Leighton  
1993 – No Recipient

1994 Jim Naus, CPA  
1995 William Hudnut  
1996 Marsha Weaver  
1997 Mr. and Mrs. Cook  
1998 Herbert and Melven Simon  
1999 Dr. Jon Christian

#### Changed to the Walter S. Blackburn Award:

2000 Dr. John E. Worthen  
2001 Susan Williams  
2002 William I. Miller  
2003 – No Recipient  
2004 – No Recipient  
2005 Robert W. Snyder, AIA  
2006 Jo Ann Gora  
2007 Scott Truex, AICP  
2008 Tamara Zahn  
2009 Terry Clapacs  
2010 Columbus Indiana Architectural Archives (CIAA)  
2011 Ian Rolland  
2012 Ball State College of Architecture and Planning Library and Documents Archive  
2013 Columbus Area Visitors Center (CVAC), Columbus, IN  
2014 Philip B. Stafford, Ph.D.

2015 Marsh Davis  
2016 John White  
2017 John Urbahns, AICP  
2018 Andrew Hoffman  
2019 – No Recipient  
2020 – No Recipient

2021 James W. Lowe, PE  
2022 Next Great Architects - Kionna Walker,  
Assoc. AIA  
2023 – No Recipient  
2024 Akilah Darden

## **DISTINGUISHED FIRM AWARD**

The AIA Indiana Distinguished Firm Award was created in 2009 to recognize a Member Firm which, through consistent leadership, vision and ability, has distinguished itself through design and implementation of works of architecture that enhance the quality of our environment. The firm must also be committed to the architectural profession and community involvement.

### **Past Recipients**

2009 BSA LifeStructures Inc.  
2010 Schmidt Associates  
2011 Design Collaborative  
2012 One 10 Studio  
2013 MKM architecture + design  
2014 – No Recipient  
2015 – No recipient  
2016 krM Architecture+

2017 – No Recipient  
2018 – No recipient  
2019 Rowland Design  
2020 Schmidt Associates  
2021 – No recipient  
2022 – No recipient  
2023 Blackline  
2024 Guidon Design

## **NEXT GEN AWARD**

This award was introduced in 2024 as a means to honor unlicensed Associate AIA Indiana members who epitomize outstanding leadership, creativity, and a steadfast dedication to improving and contributing to their AIA section, the architectural profession, and their local community. AIA Indiana sponsors the Next Gen Award recipient's application for the next upcoming AIA National Associates Award.

### **Past Recipients**

2024 Shorf Afza, Assoc. AIA & Cassandra L. Quissell, Assoc. AIA

## TONY COSTELLO YOUNG ARCHITECT AWARD

The Young Architect Award was created in 2010 and renamed the Tony Costello Young Architect Award in 2021, in honor of Costello's dedication to students and emerging professionals. The award honors a registered AIA Indiana architect - who is 40 or younger – for his or her exceptional accomplishments and contributions to the profession.

A native New Yorker, Tony Costello, FAIA, is Irving Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Architecture at Ball State University School of Architecture, a title he received after retiring in 2005, after teaching for more than 50 years. Costello continues to teach Socially Responsible Planning and Design in The Third World, where his focus is strengthening concrete masonry construction in Haiti.

Costello also is principal of C+A COSTELLO + ASSOCIATES, a one-man, architecture and urban design firm he founded in Muncie in 1976. He has won numerous design awards and has been recognized as one of the national pioneers in community-based, urban planning and design education. He founded the Community-Based Projects Program in 1969, and in 1980, founded the Muncie Urban Design Studio (MUDS) and Small-Town Assistance Program. Combined, these programs have won more than 35 awards for student and public education as well as urban design, affordable housing and historic reservation. Among these, two of the most prestigious awards were received in 2002 from the ACSA recognizing Ball State as one of the three oldest, continuous, university-based, urban design studios in the country and Sandi Servaas Memorial Award from the Indiana Landmarks Foundation for MUDS's role in preserving and adaptively reusing Muncie's Historic Wilson School.

Costello was elevated to Fellow in 2001, has served on its national board from 2005-2008, chaired the AIA 150 Blueprint for America from 2006-2008, and was the first-ever recipient of AIA Indiana's Gold Medal in 2012.

### Past Recipients

2010 Sarah Hempstead, AIA  
2011 Lisa Gomperts, FAIA, Cory Miller, AIA  
2012 Zach Benedict AIA, Dan Overbey, AIA  
2013 Mark Beebe, AIA  
2014 Chris Gerrity, AIA  
2015 Jason Larrison, AIA  
2016 Brandon Farley, AIA

2017 Brandon Hoopingarner, AIA  
2018 Rob Bray, AIA  
2019 Jeremy J. Welu, AIA  
2020 Matt Sparling, AIA  
2021 Joe Yount, AIA & Matt Jennings, AIA  
2022 Ashley Thornberry, AIA  
2023 Desma Belsaas, AIA  
2024 Marlee Brabin, AIA

## AIA INDIANA GOLD MEDAL AWARD

The AIA Indiana Gold Medal Award recognizes an AIA Indiana member for a career of significant accomplishments and contributions in promoting the highest ideals of the architectural profession. The national AIA and its state and component chapters have a long history of awarding medals to their members, so the recipients have a means of being able to proudly display the recognition at formal gatherings. The idea of creating an AIA Indiana medal was promoted in 2011 by Bruce Race, FAIA, and formalized by the AIA Indiana board. The inaugural Gold Medal Award was given to Tony Costello, FAIA in 2012. The first award was a plaque. After receiving the award, Tony volunteered to redesign the award to become the Gold Medal that we present to this day. Tony said, “if AIA Indiana is going to award a gold medal, then award a frick’n medal and not a plaque with the word “medal” on it!” The medal is cast in silver and gold plated in the center. It hangs from a blue and yellow silk ribbon, representing the state colors. One side of the medal is the AIA Eagle logo, surrounded by 19 stars representing Indiana as the 19<sup>th</sup> state admitted to the union. The recipient’s name and year of award are engraved on the reverse side.

### Past Recipients

2012 Tony Costello, FAIA  
2013 Ewing Miller, II, FAIA  
2014 Wayne Schmidt, FAIA  
2015 James T. Kientle, FAIA  
2016 Evans Woollen III, FAIA (awarded posthumously)  
2017 Lynn Molzan, FAIA

2018 LeRoy S. Troyer, FAIA  
2019 – No recipient  
2020 Don Sporleder, FAIA  
2021 Robert Kennedy, FAIA & David Bowen, FAIA  
2022 Sheila Snider, FAIA  
2023 Debra Kunce, FAIA  
2024 William A. Browne Jr., FAIA