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Architectural Firms Receive AIA Awards for Design Excellence

On October 8, 2009, AIA Eastern Oklahoma, a Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, hosted its inaugural design awards program to celebrate design excellence and to recognize architectural achievement in the region.

Tulsa, OK, 2009 – AIA Eastern Oklahoma, a Chapter of The American Institute of Architects (AIA), presented awards to six Architects or architectural firms at an Awards Celebration in Tulsa, OK. Award-winning projects represented a variety of categories that encompass the many ways Architects influence the quality of life and the built environment in our communities. Twelve award-winning entries were selected from 48 submissions by a distinguished panel of jurists. At Thursday evening's event, jury chair Matthew Hufft, AIA presented each of the award-winning projects in the Honor, Merit, and Citation Award categories.

In September, jurists convened in the offices of AIA Kansas City to select winners. The jury was: Matthew Hufft, AIA, President and Creative Director of Hufft Projects; Kurt Gastinger, FAIA, Principal of Gastinger Walker Harden Architects; and Marvin Manlove, AIA, RCID, Senior Principal of 360 Architecture, all of Kansas City, MO. "Typically, 10-15% of submissions are recognized as award winners, but as the entries were of a high level of quality we were confident in our decision to recognize a wide array of projects and design specialty," said jury chair Matthew Hufft.

Chaired by James E. Turner, AIA, Director of Architecture of Cyntergy AEC, this event marks a new beginning in fulfilling the Chapter's mission by focusing public attention on the Architect's role and honoring the best of built work by AIA Eastern Oklahoma members. The entries represent more than a half a BILLION dollar investment in Oklahoma with projects ranging from a private residence to a public entertainment venue.

Awarded projects by Awards category, the Architects or architectural firms, and the project owners were as follows:

Honor Awards

1. **Urban Green**, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Architect: Freese Architecture
Owner: Urban Green LLC
2. **Tulsa Community College Center for Creativity**, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Architect: Selser Schaefer Architects
Owner: Tulsa Community College

Merit Awards

1. **BOK Center**, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Architect: MATRIX Architects Engineers Planners, Inc.
Owner: City of Tulsa

2. ***Morton Comprehensive Medical Center***, Tulsa, OK
Architect: Selser Schaefer Architects
Owner: Morton Comprehensive Health Services
3. ***200 East Brady***, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Architect: Selser Schaefer Architects
Owner: 200 East Brady, LLC
4. ***Standing Bear Museum***, Ponca City, Oklahoma
Architect: Kinslow, Keith & Todd, Inc.
Owner: Standing Bear Foundation
5. ***Pryor Community Recreation Center***, Pryor, Oklahoma
Architect: Selser Schaefer Architects
Owner: City of Pryor Creek
6. ***Edmond Animal Welfare Facility***, Edmond, Oklahoma
Architect: Selser Schaefer Architects
Owner: City of Edmond

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1. ***302 East Brady Residence***, Tulsa, OK
Architect: Selser Schaefer Architects
Owner: 200 East Brady LLC
2. ***USS Oklahoma Memorial***, Honolulu, Hawaii
Architect: Beck Design
Owner: USS Oklahoma Memorial Committee
3. ***Muskogee High School***, Muskogee, Ok
Architect: Spaces, Design & Architecture
Owner: Muskogee Public Schools
4. ***Sellers Residence***, Sapulpa, Oklahoma
Architect: Freese Architecture
Owner: Myra Sellers

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Honor Awards

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