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2011 AIA Mississippi Design Awards Recognize Excellence in Architecture

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI — The American Institute of Architects, Mississippi Chapter, recently announced the 2011 recipients of the AIA Design Awards, the profession's highest recognition of work that exemplify excellence in architecture. Selected from 40 submissions, four architectural design awards were presented to representative firms at the chapter's annual convention held in Sandestin, Florida, July 7-10, 2011.

Allen Eskew, FAIA, of Eskew + Dumez + Ripple Architects in New Orleans, LA, served as the lead juror in the competition along with team members Wayne Troyer, AIA, of Wayne Troyer Architects, and Terri Hogan Dryer, AIA, of Nano LLC. The highest award a firm can receive is the Honor Award, followed by the Merit and Citation Awards. A fifth award, the Sambo Mockbee Membership Award, is an award voted upon by the AIA Membership and presented at the convention. The 2011 award winners include the following:

HONOR AWARD

Downtown Parking Garage | unabridged Architecture (with Allison Anderson, AIA & John Anderson, AIA Architects)

HONOR AWARD

Bennie G. Thompson Academic Center | Duvall Decker Architects, PA

MERIT AWARD

Coahoma County Higher Education Center, Phase I | Duvall Decker Architects, PA

MERIT AWARD

The Quinsberry Library | JBHM Architects, PA

SAMBO MOCKBEE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Lucedale Information Kiosk | JH&H Architects

BRICK AWARDS

This year, AIA Mississippi was delighted to add a new category of BRICK Awards, sponsored by Brick Industry Southeast. The purpose of the competition was to honor and promote exemplary architectural design when clay brick is used as a predominant building material. Awards honor the best and most innovative use of brick in commercial, residential, landscape projects, or in other unique applications. A jury of architects from outside the state reviewed the project submittals and selected winners based on the skill and creativeness of the architect or architectural firm designing with brick. Award certificates were presented to the winning architectural firm, project owner, and the brick manufacturer and supplier. *The President's Award*—the top brick award winner —

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carries with it a \$2,000 scholarship donation to the winning firm's architectural school of choice. The 2011 brick award winners include the following:

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Bennie G. Thompson Academic Center | Duvall Decker Architects, PA
Brick Manufacturer: Columbus Brick Company through Old South Brick Company

HONOR AWARD

Coahoma County Higher Education Center—Phase I | Duvall Decker Architects, PA
Brick Manufacturer: Tri-State Brick & Tile & Company, Inc. through Old South Brick & Supply

MERIT AWARD

Fire House No. 1 | unabridged Architecture (with Allison Anderson, AIA & John Anderson, AIA Architects)
Brick Manufacturer: St. Joe Brick Works

MERIT AWARD

Bay St. Louis Community Hall | Belinda Stewart Architects, PA
Brick Manufacturer: Henry Brick Company through Boral Bricks, Inc.

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