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AIA LA Honor Awards
2026 Call for Entries



CALL FOR ENTRIES

2026 Design Awards
celebrating the design we live in

Entry Deadline - June 5, 2026

To encourage excellence in architecture, the Louisiana Chapter of the American Institute of Architects conducts an annual Awards Program. Through this program, AIA Louisiana seeks to honor works of distinction by its members and bring to public attention outstanding examples of architecture.

Any architectural project completed within the last 5 calendar years (January 2021) which has been produced by, or in collaboration with, an AIA Louisiana member is eligible for submission. Projects may be located outside of Louisiana but must be submitted by an AIA Louisiana member who served either as the Design Architect or the Architect-of-Record for the project. Members are encouraged to submit previously submitted non-winning projects, or ones that have won awards in other programs.

Are you very busy, but still want to participate? **Remember, you can submit any project that was completed in the last five years that has also not already won an award.**

The cost is \$375 per entry.

BONUS!! Receive ONE Gala ticket at no charge for each entry application submitted by the Early Deadline.

Deadlines:

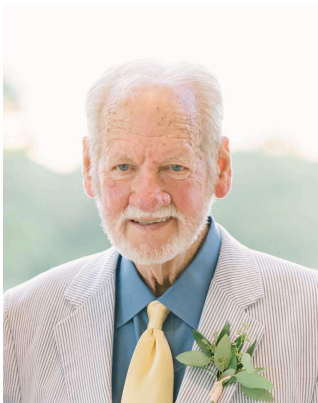
- Entry form submitted: **Early “BONUS” Deadline: May 22 Regular Deadline: June 6**
- PowerPoint Presentations submitted – **11:59PM, July 2, 2026**
- Digital Presentation Boards submitted – **11:59PM, July 30, 2026**

Categories:

- ARCHITECTURE
- INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE
- MASTER PLANNING/URBANDESIGN
- RESIDENTIAL
- RESTORATION/REHABILITATION/ADAPTIVE REUSE
- UNREALIZED PROJECTS
- SMALL PROJECT

[Submit Entry](#)

While AIA Louisiana is saddened by the news, we hope you will celebrate his life:



Richard “Dick” Thevenot, Hon. AIA

Mr. Thevenot, a long-time Honorary AIA member, served as the second and *longest-serving* Executive Director of the organization working on our behalf for almost 37 years (1967-2003) and loved it’s members like family. We are honored by his service and dedication.

Housing Knowledge Community Info Session

Hosted by AIA LA Housing Workgroup (1 LU)

A graphic for a Continuing Education Virtual Session. On the left, a photograph shows a person's hands typing on a laptop on a wooden desk, with a smartphone nearby. On the right, a blue background features the text: "Continuing Education Virtual Session", "Hosted by the Housing and Community Development Committee", "1 LU/Virtual", a house icon, and the "AIA Louisiana" logo.

Join AIA LA Housing Workgroup as they host the AIA National Housing and Community development Knowledge Community (KC) for an informational session on April 20, 2026 to share approaches to pressing housing issues in today’s society. This Housing KC works to create equal housing solutions through policy advancement while supporting original, renewable designs. This session will expand on their specific initiatives to improve key

housing issues in the United States. This session is free for current AIA LA Members and \$25/non-member.

More Info and Registration>>

Did You Know?

- **Office of State Fire Marshall** system no longer defaults to all drawings being confidential information. You must select that option. This means that if you don't mark them as confidential when uploading the documents, your plans could then be available to the public if requested. See page 7 of the LSBAE newsletter to [READ MORE>>](#)
 - **AIA LA PAC** donation period is open! Have you made your donation yet? [More Information>>](#)
 - AIA National made a **one-time historic investment** in local and state chapters last year through monetary donations. The AIA Louisiana Board of Directors voted to use that investment in three ways: 1.) 1/3 will go toward the updating and maintenance of the building which will allow a portion of the upstairs to again be rented out and generate income for the chapter, 2.) 1/3 will go into reserves, and 3.) 1/3 will be used as future seed funding to assist in member programming.
 - **National Architecture Week is April 13-17** and some of the chapters in the state are celebrating! Check out what [AIA New Orleans](#) has going on as well as [AIA National](#).
 - **Watch AIA members on America ByDesign season 5!** America ByDesign, a half-hour TV series, celebrates the finest in American architecture. The AIA community has exclusive early access to each episode, connecting the architecture community before the series airs to the public. [Check it out>>](#)
 - The **2026 Small Project Design Knowledge Community Grant** cycle is open for submission. This grant provides financial support for nonprofits working with architects on community-based projects and demonstrates the value of hiring an architecture firm (and AIA member). Up to three grants will be awarded for up to \$5,000 each. The submission deadline is April 17. [Learn more >](#)
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Building Enclosure Commissioning (BECx): Ensuring Durability, Health, and Performance (1 HSW)

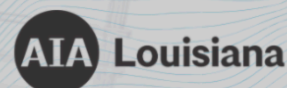
Hosted by AIA LA Committee on the Environment (COTE)



Continuing Education Virtual Session

COTE: Building and Closure Commissioning

May 12, 2026/ 1 HSW



May 12th at 11AM, join us as the AIA LA Committee on the Environment (COTE) hosts this one-hour continuing education session on building enclosure commissioning. \$50/member; \$100/non-member

Building Enclosure Commissioning (BECx) differs from commissioning other building systems as the focus is on how well the design, materials selected, assemblies constructed, and systems integrated all perform in achieving the objectives and requirements of the owner as outlined in the contract documents. Through a series of case studies and real-world examples participants will explore the role of BECx in ensuring the project requirements are met. Through case studies, real-world examples, and emerging trends, this presentation covers key requirements, challenges, and innovations in building enclosure design for sustainable, comfortable, and high performing projects.

[More Info and Registration>>](#)

Second Quarter Espresso Yourself (1 LU)

Hosted by AIA LA Associates & Emerging Professionals Committee



Join us for our 2nd quarter Espresso Yourself virtual series entitled, *“Challenges and Experiences: From Intern to Architect* presented by Kayleigh Bruentrup, Cody Pate, AIA and Lindsey Windom, AIA. Moderator: Calvin Gallion, AIA as you hear from three licensed architects sharing their journey, experiences and advice from intern to architect.

[Register Here>>](#)

Wednesday, May 20th 12PM – 1PM

FREE TO AIA LOUISIANA MEMBERS / \$25/non-members



Kayleigh Bruentrup, NCIDQ



Cody Pate, AIA



Lindsey Windom, AIA



Calvin Gallion, AIA

Kayleigh Bruentrup, NCIDQ

Campo Architecture & Interior Design, New Orleans, LA

Kayleigh, originally from Minnesota, moved to New Orleans in 2010 to attend Tulane University. During her time at Tulane, Kayleigh was a part of Alpha Rho Chi, the national fraternity for architecture and the allied arts, an active member of Tulane’s American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) chapter and Secretary of the Architecture Student government.

Kayleigh’s passion for design encompasses both architecture and interiors, and she enjoys working in both sectors. Kayleigh is responsible for overall design direction, programming, space planning, and FF&E coordination. She also plays a significant role in team coordination, product and finish selection as a foundational member of Campo’s growing Interior Design department.

Cody Pate, AIA

Ritter Maher Architects, Baton Rouge

Originally from Denham Springs, Louisiana. Cody earned his Bachelor of Architecture from Louisiana Tech University in 2018 and Master of Architecture in 2022. Since 2018, he has

worked in the architecture industry in Baton Rouge, gaining experience across a wide range of project types including commercial, multifamily, food service, and healthcare. Furthermore, he completed the architectural licensure process in 2025.

Throughout his career, he has been actively involved in onboarding new designers and staff, as well as providing skills training and mentorship to support the growth and development of emerging professionals.

Lindsey Windom, AIA

Greenleaf Architects, Covington

Lindsey is a native of Covington and attended Archbishop Hannan High School, where she played softball and contributed to the Miracle League and Lindsey's Hits for Kids. Continuing her softball career at Millsaps College, she earned a BBA in Accounting in 2021. Lindsey then pursued a Master of Architecture at LSU, graduating in 2024. Her diverse skills include digital arts and graphic design, and she has experience as a graduate research assistant and government publicist for the LSU Coastal Ecosystem Design Studio. In this role, she worked with FEMA, OCD, the US Army Corps of Engineers, LA Sea Grant, and local municipalities on sustainability, resilience, restoration, and water-related issues. Passionate about the outdoors, she enjoys hunting, fishing, spending time with family and friends, and traveling to places where she can find beaches, woods, or mountains.

MODERATOR:

Calvin Gallion, AIA

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Originally from Natchitoches, LA, Calvin discovered his love of architecture and design at an early age. He comes from a large family of artists and designers and adopted that mindset very quickly. Growing up in Natchitoches fostered a deep respect for historic preservation that shows in his work but can transition to modern designs seamlessly. Calvin attended Tulane School of Architecture and graduated with his Master of Architecture with a minor in Urban Design. During his time at Tulane, he attended DIS in Copenhagen, Denmark studying urban design, architecture and furniture design.

Calvin has worked on projects of varying sizes and has even led teams for larger programs and designs, including single family residential, university work and restaurants. He has cultivated respectful working relationships with numerous regulatory agencies, including the Vieux Carré Commission, National Park Services and State Historic Preservation Office. Calvin currently serves on the AIA Louisiana Board of Directors as the YAF State Representative.



Real Life of an Architect

Video Podcast Series (1 LU/each session)

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Real Life of an Architect is an engaging video podcast series from AIA Louisiana that offers an authentic, behind-the-scenes look at the journeys of architects in the state. Through candid, conversational interviews between guest host, Associates & Emerging Professionals Committee member, Calvin Gallion, and one featured AIA LA Fellow, each episode explores the pivotal decisions, challenges, and defining moments that have shaped their careers and lives in the profession. Rather than a formal presentation, this series invites viewers into a relaxed, storytelling format—providing valuable insight, inspiration, and real-world perspective for architects at every stage of their career.

Series Air Dates:

- May 14th 12PM – Featuring Trula Remson, FAIA
- June 17th 12PM – Featuring Doug Ashe, FAIA
- July 16th 12PM – Featuring Ursula Emery-McClure, FAIA
- August 12th 12PM – Featuring Jose Alvarez, FAIA
- September 12PM – Featuring Tracy Lea, FAIA

Further details and how to register to release soon!

SAVE THE DATES:

April

- 7 LA Construction Code Council Meeting
- 20 AIA Housing and Community Development Knowledge Community continuing ed session

May

- 12 Building Enclosure Commissioning (BECx) continuing ed session (1 HSW)
- 14 Real Life of an Architect Series
- 20 Espresso Yourself (Assoc.& EP programming)

June

- 1 Session Closes

10 AIA National Annual Meeting
10-13 AIA26 National Conference (San Diego)
17 Life of an Architect Series

July

16 Life of an Architect Series

August

12 Life of an Architect Series
19 Espresso Yourself (Assoc.& EP programming)

October

1-2 State Conference (Gulf Shores)

November

1-3 Women's Leadership Summit (Kansas City)
17-19 AIA LA Governance Days
26-27 AIA LA Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December

24-25 AIA LA Office Closed
31-2 AIA LA Office Closed

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