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**The Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Announces the 2024 Alice Washburn, Business Architecture, Women in Architecture, & Emerging Professional Awards**

(New Haven, CT, July 17, 2024) The Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Connecticut) recently announced the recipients of four prestigious awards.

***Alice Washburn Awards***

The Alice Washburn Awards are named for the distinguished Connecticut designer and builder of the 1920's, largely self-taught, whose work is known for her thoughtful stylistic and programmatic invention.

Focusing on style, the program acknowledges excellence in traditional house design through the thoughtful adaptation of tradition to address 21st-century needs. Works are located in Connecticut and designed in a style broadly considered as "traditional".

[Alice Washburn Awards Page](#)

**Accessory Buildings**

*Merit*

**Pool House** Scot Samuelson Architect, LLC

**Villa Pomme** Lovas Architects, LLC

**Additions/Renovations**

*Merit*

**Historic House Renovation And Additions** Scot Samuelson Architect, LLC

**New Construction**

*Excellence*

**Seaside Shingle** VanderHorn Architects

*Merit with Commendation for Sustainability*

**Waterfront Post and Beam** Doyle Coffin Architecture

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***Business Architecture Awards***

This statewide award honors architects and their clients whose projects help achieve the client's business goals and/or create outsized impact through the design of the built environment. [Business Architecture Awards Page](#)

### **Projects designed for businesses employing less than 50 people**

*Excellence*

**Bessemer Venture Partners**

Amenta Emma Architects

**Grid Iron Capital, LLC**

CPG Architects

### **Projects designed for businesses employing 50 or more people**

*Excellence*

**The Village**

CPG Architects

*Merit*

**Maxx Properties**

CPG Architects

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### ***Women in Architecture Awards***

This award program honors practicing female architects in Connecticut who demonstrate design excellence, promote equitable & sustainable practice, and are affecting change in the profession. [Women in Architecture Awards Page](#)

**Elizabeth Hedde, AIA, Centerbrook Architects**

Elizabeth embarked on her architectural journey at the University of Virginia for her undergraduate studies before pursuing a master's degree at Yale University.

In just twelve years, Beth ascended to the role of Principal at Centerbrook Architects, a renowned design firm honored with the AIA Firm Award. Beth's talent is reflected in the numerous accolades her projects have garnered, totaling over 30 design awards.

Beth's impact extends beyond architectural innovation; she is a beacon of empowerment and advocacy within the industry. She dedicates herself to nurturing talent and fostering inclusivity, particularly for young women underrepresented in architecture. Beth's leadership at Centerbrook is characterized by mentorship, motivation, and advocacy, resulting in a significant increase in female representation within the firm.

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### ***Emerging Professionals Awards***

This awards program recognizes and supports emerging, graduate architects who have made outstanding, innovative contributions to the discipline and/or profession and have rendered exemplary service in the public realm. [Emerging Professional Awards Page](#)

**2024 Honor Awardee: Deep Chaniara, AIA, NOMA, Pickard Chilton**

An active NOMA member since 2018, Deep was an inaugural NOMAct Board Member, past Membership Chair, and is currently a Director-at-Large. He is also an NCARB Firm Licensing Advisor.

With a passion for education, since 2019 Deep has regularly served as a visiting critic for



Iowa State University, University of Hartford, University of New Mexico, and the University of Minnesota.

As a highly respected member of Pickard Chilton, Deep has worn many hats, including co-founding their mentorship program, coordinating their AXP/Licensure efforts, and supporting recruitment. In recognition of his design ability and thoughtful leadership, he was named an Associate in 2022.

Originally from India, Deep infuses his work with passion, intellect, a keen focus on energy conservation and user experience. He has made meaningful contributions to many of Pickard Chilton's projects and is currently a project architect for two confidential large scale mixed-use developments.

**2024 Honorable Mention: Jason Levy, Assoc. AIA**

Jason's impact within the architecture community is evident through his extensive involvement and leadership roles within AIA Connecticut and beyond. From his participation in the Leadership Academy to serving as both the AIA Associate Director in New Orleans and Connecticut and the AIA CT EP Co-Chair, Jason has demonstrated exceptional commitment to advancing the profession.

His contributions extend beyond administrative roles. Jason has organized numerous initiatives aimed at fostering professional development and camaraderie among EPs, including career development sessions and networking opportunities like happy hours. Additionally, his writings have been published in eVolo magazine & Skyscrapers book, showcasing his expertise and thought leadership.

Overall, Jason's multifaceted involvement underscores his status as an exemplary member of the architectural community, embodying the spirit of leadership, service, and creativity.

Images are available at the links above or at <https://aiact.org/awards/>

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*About AIA Connecticut:*

AIA Connecticut, a statewide chapter of the American Institute of Architects, serves the architectural profession, encourages design excellence, and works to improve society through a concern for the quality of the built and natural environments. Members commit themselves to the highest standards of practice and code of ethics that addresses responsibilities to the public, clients, the building industry, and the art and science of architecture.

AIA Connecticut serves as a resource to architects and the public. Its membership of over 1,500 is comprised of architects, associates working towards licensure, students, and professionals in affiliated fields.

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