

IIDA Florida Chapter Student Day 2008 Esteemed Judges

We are pleased to announce the panel of judges who represent licensed interior designers in various areas of practice around the state. The judges will review student projects submitted in these categories: Residential, Hospitality/Retail, Corporate, and Institutional.

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Student Day 2008 Esteemed Judges - Institutional Category

John Mitrovka, CFM, IIDA

John Mitrovka, CFM IIDA, has over twenty years experience in Corporate Interior Design and Facilities Planning. Currently based in Orlando, John leads the Space Planning team for SunTrust Bank, where his responsibilities include all strategic and tactical space planning for the Bank's major facilities throughout Florida. During his career, John has also been associated with other well-respected organizations such as Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida and Trammell Crow Company.

John has been an active professional member of the International Interior Design Association since 1992, where he served two terms as the Florida Chapter President. He is also a professional member of the International Facilities Management Association, where he holds the Certified Facility Manager (CFM) designation and participates on the Orlando Chapter Board of Directors. John is an honors graduate from the University of Florida.

Allan Shaivitz, FIIDA

Allan Shaivitz, FIIDA has been a member of IIDA and IBD since 1975. Allan served as the first President of the Baltimore IBD chapter. He continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the IIDA. During the eight years Allan served on the Finance Committee, he was very involved in improving the financial stability of the organization. Allan also served as the only President of the IIDA Service Corporation, a position he held for five years. In 2000 Allan was elected to the IIDA College of Fellows and also received the international IIDA Leadership Award for his work on the Finance Committee. Allan has been involved with legislation for many years and presently serves on the GRA Committee.

Allan was Chairman of the Maryland State Board of Certified Interior Designers and served in that capacity for twelve years and was President of the Maryland Coalition of Interior Designers.

Allan is COO of Allan Shaivitz Associates Inc located in Sarasota, Florida and Baltimore, Maryland. The firm specializes in providing corporate, healthcare, hospitality and residential interior design services.



Esteemed Judges - Corporate Category

Janice R. Young, FIIDA, ASID

Janice Young's educational background includes a Bachelor's Degree in Interior Design from College of Architecture and Fine Art at Auburn University.

Janice has her own studio, is involved in collaborative work with architectural firms and also independent projects in the commercial, transportation and high-end residential fields.

A Professional member of ASID, and a Fellow of IIDA, Janice has served in many capacities, including officer, for both the ASID North Florida and the IBD North Florida Chapters. She also served as Vice President of GRA for IIDA (International), 1996-97.

Janice has been involved with legislative activities since 1989 and served five years, by Governor's appointment, on the Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design. She also served on the NCIDQ Council of Delegates, and was elected to its board, and is a Past President of NCIDQ. She is now President- Elect of the Florida coalition for interior legislation, IDAF, is serving in a special capacity in Government & Regulatory Affairs for IIDA, and also serves on the University of Florida Interior Design Advisory Council. She has been the recipient of the Florida Bud Merle Award presented to the outstanding licensed interior designer in Florida, of the IIDA (International) Leadership Award, and of the IDAF Legislative Leadership Award. She continues to be passionate about the development and maintained of interior design legislation throughout North America.

Susan Walker-Davies, LEED AP, IIDA

Graduating with a high honors degree in design from the University of Florida, Susan Walker-Davies is an NCIDQ certified, Florida licensed interior designer with over twenty years diversified experience in the field of interior design.

Beginning her career in Munich, Germany, Walker-Davies worked with Herman Miller. Upon her return to the States, she worked with KBJ Architects, Inc. and then practiced as the VP of Design at Perdue Office Interiors, Inc., a large Steelcase Dealership in Jacksonville.

Walker-Davies joined The Haskell Company in November of 2001 as a Senior Interior Designer. In April of 2007, Walker-Davies was hired at RS&H as Interior Design Team Leader where she is responsible for leading, promoting and coordinating Interior Design services.

She has been involved in a wide variety of project types including high-end commercial, healthcare, hospitality and industrial design. Walker-Davies assists in all aspects of interior design ranging from programming, design development, schematic design, finish and furniture selection and procurement. She prepares construction documents, participates in contract administration, installations and punch list completion.

Walker-Davies is a LEED® Accredited Professional and has experience on several LEED® projects. She also is responsible for project management efforts at RS&H, establishing and maintaining project quality control and delivering a superior project with attention to detail and customer service.

Staying involved in the profession outside of work has always been important to Walker-Davies. She has been very actively involved with IIDA for many years, serving in various positions on the Florida Board, serves CIDA as a site visitor (formerly FIDER- the accrediting body for interior design higher education in the United States and Canada), is an adjunct instructor at FCCJ and serves on their advisory board.

Larry Wilson, IIDA, ASID

Larry Wilson received his Bachelor of Design Degree in Interior Design from the College of Architecture, University of Florida in 1976. After practicing in Houston, Washington, DC and New York City, Wilson relocated to Jacksonville, Florida and opened Larry Wilson Design Associates with his wife, Laurie Hitzig in 1987.

With a desire to take the firm to the next level of regional and national recognition, Wilson merged his design expertise with Rink Reynolds Diamond Fisher Architects in 1999, The firm was renamed Rink Reynolds Diamond Fisher Wilson, P.A. In January 2005, the firm changed its name to Rink Design Partnership; Inc. Mr. Wilson is the Principal-In-Charge of Interior Design for the forty-eight-person firm.

The firm offers expertise in commercial and residential interior design specializing in restaurant, hospitality, retail and resort design. A large portion of the firms' work is also focused on the commercial market. Clients include Matthew's Restaurant, Restaurant Medure, Caffe Andiamo, The Lodge & Club at Ponte Vedra Beach, St. John and Partners, Husk-Jennings Advertising and Vestcor Equities. He has completed projects in New York, Chicago, California, Colorado, North Carolina and the Bahamas. With an aesthetic that is both elegant and urbane, the UF graduate is the artist behind some of Jacksonville's most exquisite establishments.

Wilson has won numerous awards for his restaurant, hospitality, corporate and residential design. He has been honored with the prestigious Gold Key Award for Excellence in Hospitality Design and was an award recipient of the 26th Annual IIDA National Interior Design Competition. He has been recognized by IIDA, ASID and AIA. Mr. Wilson is the recipient of the Dupont Antron Award and the Solutia Doc Award. The award-winning designer has been published in numerous national & regional magazines, including Hospitality Design, Lighting Design & Application, Lodging, Interior Design, Florida Architecture, Florida Design, Florida International Style, Jacksonville Today, Metro, Florida Home and Garden and Arbus, as well as in the books, Stories of the Year – Volume II, Successful Restaurant Design, 2nd Edition and Hospitality & Restaurant Design No. 3.

Mr. Wilson was honored with the Bud Merle Foundation Award 2003. The award recognizes leadership and Design Excellence in the State of Florida. He was honored as Alumni of Distinction, College of Design, Construction, and Planning, University of Florida 2002. He recently was awarded the ASID Medalist Award, the highest honor bestowed by ASID on a professional member for outstanding service & contributions to the chapter.

Dedicated to the crafts of interior design and artistry, Wilson spends his free time serving on several advisory boards, including the Advisory Board to the Interior Design Department, College of Design, Construction & Planning at the University of Florida. He has been appointed to the Mayor's Commission on Art in Public Places, He is also a Trustee on the board of the Jacksonville Museum of Modern Art. He has been a national spokesperson for ASID related to hospitality and lighting design. He has been an IIDA juror for the new product design competition at the national Hospitality and Design Expo in Las Vegas the last three years. He is currently the IIDA National Hospitality Forum Advisor. He served on a national ASID "trends" scanning committee. Wilson previously served on the Editorial Advisory Board for Florida Home and Garden Magazine, the Board of the Jacksonville Coalition for the Visual Arts and the Board of CITYART Inc., a not-for-profit organization. He was also past Chairman of Ethics and Appellations for the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), past President of the Florida North Chapter of ASID and past Director of the Jacksonville Chapter of ASID.

Also an artist, Wilson has exhibited in national museums and galleries included the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, The Nathan Wilson Gallery at Florida Community College in Jacksonville and the Spiller Vincinty Gallery. He has won many awards for his work. His pieces are on display in major corporate collections throughout Florida.

Student Day 2008 Esteemed Judges - Hospitality / Retail

Alex Bonet, IIDA

Alex Bonet established Insight Design, Inc in 1997, and is the lead Design Architect of the firm. He has over 15 years of professional experience in design, construction documentation and supervision.

Under his leadership, the firm expanded into the international market two years ago and now has offices in San Jose, Costa Rica which handles projects both locally and abroad. He has encouraged his firm to study the importance of green design and is currently developing eco friendly design projects in an attempt to promote this new direction in design and architecture.

He is a member of IIDA, A.I.A, and CREW. Mr. Bonet was recently named Interior Designer of the Year for 2007 by A.I.A and Entrepreneur of the Year by the South Florida Chamber of Commerce. Now as, Vice President of the International Interior Design Association and Past President of the Florida Chapter, he has been instrumental in the continued growth of the Florida Chapter and for Membership abroad.

He has worked to support student day for Architecture and Interior Design students at the various colleges throughout the state keeping in mind that they are the future of design in our country. He has also extended his search to recruit strong individuals from all over the world to continue the profession's quest for excellence and its responsibility to the world around it.

Leith A. Oatman, IIDA

Leith, with more than 22 years experience in the design field, is a Principal of GS&P's Corporate & Urban Design Studio in Jacksonville, Florida. The studio has received numerous design awards and is currently designing the Nemours Home Office and duPont Trust and Testamentary Buildings due for completion in Fall 2008. Leith has been featured in several articles referencing office design and current workplace strategies.

Over the years, she has developed the rare talent of balancing her work, civic duties and family commitments. Currently, she is serving as the 2008 Chair for Existing Business for the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, and she is also an alum of Leadership Jacksonville, Class of 2006.

In 2003, Community Connections of Jacksonville recognized Leith's commitment to the community by honoring her with the Excellence in Leadership award. Her civic dedication in addition to her professional accomplishments and obligations earned her the Distinguished Alumnus award from the University of Florida's School of Design, Construction and Planning in 2004.

Leith's professional organizations include IIDA, NAIOP and Meninak. Leith is a multi-generational native of Jacksonville, graduating from the University of Florida. She also enjoys gardening and golf in her free time.

Student Day 2008 Esteemed Judges - Residential Category

Maryanne Hewitt, IIDA

Maryanne Hewitt is a 1994 graduate of the University Of Florida School Of Architecture specializing in Interior Design. She has worked as a space planner and specifier for a furniture dealership; in sales and marketing for a large commercial flooring retailer; and as a senior designer for HOK Tampa.

Maryanne is owner of Hewitt Interior Design Group, in Jacksonville, Florida. Her leadership strengths have gained her status in the professional organization community. She was the 2006-2007 President of the Florida Chapter of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA). This year, she is on the IIDA International Governance committee and is the chair of the IIDA International Nominating Committee. She sits as a representative to the International Design Association Foundation (IDAF) for IIDA and is a member of her local Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW).

Maryanne's design experiences include financial institutions, medical offices, Imax movie theaters, call centers, corporate headquarters, churches, country clubs, retail showrooms, restaurants, law firms, and high-end residential projects. Her projects range from 1,000 square foot interior renovations to 100,000 square foot buildings in new construction. Her design solutions are always creative and practical, generating new and unique ideas that are perfectly suited for individual buildings and their owners.

Maryanne is married to her grade-school sweetheart and has 2 children, ages 8 and 9.



Marsha Faulkner, ASID

Marsha Faulkner is a Designer with Catlin Design and has been in the design field for fourteen years. She graduated with a degree in Interior Design Technology in 1994 and joined Catlin Design in 2000.

She is NCIDQ Certified and subsequently licensed in the State of Florida as a professional Interior Designer. She was promoted to Director of Design for Catlin Design in 2006. Marsha serves as a member of ASID National Student Advisory Council and Financial Director for ASID Florida North Chapter.

She has served on the University of Florida Department of Interior Design, Construction, and Planning Advisory Council since 2007.

Chip duPont, FIDG, FIIDA

With a Masters in Interior Design and a B.A in World Architecture, Chip duPont's career inaugurated in the design department of Bloomingdales in New York City. His success continued in South Florida and around the world as senior designer and CEO of DuPont-O'Neil & Associates.

duPont, a Florida State licensed Interior Designer, Fellow of both IIDA and IDG and a professor at Florida Atlantic University in The School of Architecture He has spoken before a wide range of audiences on design and architectural related topics. His ability to adapt to a variety of audience have positioned him as a sought after speaker for design venues and to groups aboard ships and intimate gathering such as The Governor's advisory board.

In addition to public speaking duPont, in recent years has co-hosted PBS' national show "Décor" and is a regular on "New Florida", a magazine style show. He is currently the resident expert for a national documentary, "The Great Estates of Palm Beach". He currently write a how-to-style column, "Chips' Tips", carries in several lifestyle publications and newspapers. Sought out by Four-Star Productions, Chip has carried his knowledge to the seas where he speaks to hundreds on a variety of design topics such as World Architectural Style and Color,

His design talents have won him numerous awards and recognition and his installation have been seen in national and regional magazines including, House and Garden, Florida Design, Casa & Estilo and Caribbean to name a few.

Although his feet are firmly planted in residential Design a highly publicized, award-winning project - "The Boca Express", a historically accurate passenger train car restoration let to his being commissioned by the President and Congress to head the design team for the restoration of US#1, The presidential Train to be placed in operation in late 2008.