See the top winners in AIA Chicago's Designight

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Perkins & Will topped its competition with eight awards in this year's AIA Chicago Design Excellence Awards competition.

Two other local firms, John Ronan Architects and Ross Barney Architects, each won three awards in the competition. Seven firms had two honors each.

In all, 45 awards are to be presented to 27 firms tonight at Designight at Navy Pier. Jurors picked the winners from among 262 entries. Ten projects won the 11 Honor Awards, the highest honor.

Also, Chicago architect Helmut Jahn will receive the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Jahn, 72, has changed the name of his firm to Jahn and will "share design leadership" with Francisco Gonzalez-Pulido, 42, who has been with the firm since 1999, according to an announcement today from the firm.

Since 1981 the firm had been named Murphy/Jahn. Charles Murphy died in 1985.

The four categories are Distinguished Building, Interior Architecture, SustainABILITY Leadership and Divine Detail.

Here is the list of all the winners by category (project, location, architect):

**Distinguished Building**

Honor Award

- Poetry Foundation, Chicago, John Ronan Architects

- Universidade Agostinho Neto, Luanda, Angola, Perkins & Will

Citation of Merit

- 1999 K St., Washington, D.C., Murphy/Jahn

- Blue Valley Southwest High School, Overland Park, Kan., Perkins & Will

- Bucktown Three, Chicago, Studio Dwell Architects

- CTA Morgan Station, Chicago, Ross Barney Architects
• Facebook Prineville Data Center, Prineville, Ore., Sheehan Partners Ltd.

• Nine Square, Chicago, Wheeler Kearns Architects

• Richard J. Daley Library IDEA Commons, Chicago, David Woodhouse Architects

• University of California San Diego, Rita Atkinson Residences, La Jolla, Calif., Valerio Dewalt Train Associates

**Interior Architecture**

**Honor Award**

• Baker & McKenzie, Chicago, Goettsch Partners

• Peace Corner Youth Center, Chicago, Lothan Van Hook DeStefano Architecture

• Poetry Foundation, Chicago, John Ronan Architects

• Pritzker Realty Group, Chicago, Perkins & Will

• River Branch Holdings LLC, Chicago, Robbins Architecture Inc.

• S.N. Shure Theater, Niles, Krueck & Sexton Architects

**Citation of Merit**

• Astellas US LLC North America Headquarters, Glenview, SmithGroupJJR

• Bernice A. Lavin Children's Care Center and Parking Garage, Chicago, Eckenhoff Saunders Architects

• Instituto Health Sciences Career Academy, Chicago, JGMA

• Juniper Networks Innovation Center, Bridgewater, N.J., Valerio Dewalt Train Associates

• Richard J. Daley Library IDEA Commons, Chicago, David Woodhouse Architects

• Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Perkins & Will

• UHC Headquarters (University HealthSystems Consortium), Chicago, Cannon Design

• YMCA of the USA, Chicago, Gary Lee Partners

**Special Recognition**
• Antron 2011 NeoCon Resource Center, Chicago, Perkins & Will

• Cornelia Residence, Chicago, Wilkinson Design Corp.

• Louis Ancel House Restoration, Glencoe, Becker Architects Limited

• Whole Foods Regional Offices, Chicago, Gensler

**Divine Detail**

Honor Award

• The Rocker, Poly Corp. headquarters, Beijing, Skidmore Owings & Merrill LLP

Citation of Merit

• Chicago Riverwalk, Underbridge Canopy Detail, Chicago, Ross Barney Architects

• Cobb Gate Renovation, Chicago, LCM Architects

• Lecture Center F, Chicago, Lothan Van Hook DeStefano Architecture

• Poetry Foundation, Screen Wall, Chicago, John Ronan Architects

• Universidade Agostinho Neto, Roof Trellis, Luanda, Angola, Perkins & Will

**Special Recognition**

• 1730 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C., Krueck & Sexton Architects

• Rush University Medical Center new hospital tower, Terrarium, Chicago, Perkins & Will

**SustainABILITY Leadership**

Honor Award

• Facebook Prineville Data Center, Prineville, Ore., Sheehan Partners Ltd.

• Inspiration Kitchens, East Garfield Park, Chicago, Wheeler Kearns Architects

Citation of Merit

• 31st Street Harbor, Chicago, AECOM

• Lincoln Building, Syracuse, N.Y., Brininstool & Lynch
• Richard J. Klarchek Information Commons, Loyola University, Chicago, Solomon Cordwell Buenz

• Universidade Agostinho Neto, Luanda, Angola, Perkins & Will

Special Recognition

• Chicago Loop DeCarbonization Plan, Chicago, Adrian Smith & Gordon Gill Architecture

• Iron Street Farm master plan, Chicago, Ross Barney Architects

• Suzhou Center, Wujiang, China, Skidmore Owings & Merrill LLP