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2025 AIA|LA Board of Directors Awards
Announced by American Institute of Architects Los Angeles
The suite of awards recognizes individuals and organizations in the LA region whose work enhances equity, access, and inclusivity.

July 13, 2025 (Los Angeles, CA) – The American Institute of Architects Los Angeles (AIA|LA) has announced the recipients of its annual **2025 Board of Directors Awards**.

The Gold Medal, the highest honor bestowed by AIA|LA has been awarded to Alice Kimm, FAIA and John Friedman, FAIA.

"*Alice and John are committed, in the most profound way, to architecture. In their work, design impacts our world and impacts people's lives. Design for them belongs everywhere - in every project, for every client."* Says Chava Danielson, AIA, 2025 AIA|LA's President.

Award recipients will be formally celebrated during the 2025 AIA|LA Design Awards Ceremony—which also honors winners of the juried AIA|LA Design Awards and Next LA Awards—to be held on October 2025.

The 2025 AIA|LA Board of Directors Honorees:

- **Gold Medal Award: Alice Kimm, FAIA and John Friedman, FAIA, John Friedman Alice Kimm Architects (JFAK)**
- **Emerging Practice Award: Kadre Architects**
- **25-Year Award: Diamond Ranch HS - Morphosis**

- **Citizen Architect Award: Kate Diamond, FAIA**
- **Citizen Architect Award: Greg Kochanowski, AIA, ASLA**
- **The Merry Norris Design Advocate / Developer Award: Community Corporation of Santa Monica**
- **The Merry Norris Design Advocate / Builder Award: BNB Builders**
- **Community Contribution Award: Pacific Palisades Community Council**
- **Robert Kennard, FAIA Award for Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity: Matthew Trotter, AIA**
- **Educator of the Year Award: Heather Flood, Assoc. AIA**
- **Honorary AIA|LA: Charlotte Myhr, Affiliate AIA|LA**
- **Honorary AIA|LA: Ben Stapleton**
- **Building Team Award: Weingart Tower 1A**

The Building Team:

Owner	Weingart Center Associatiom
Design Team	Axis/GFA Architecture + Design - Joseph Wong Design Associates
General Contractor	Swinerton; Emmerson Construction
Civic Engineer	Fuscoe Engineering, Inc.
Landscape Architect	AHBE Landscape Architects
Project Management Support	PMA, Inc.

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