



ASID Illinois Chapter Honors Chicago's Top Designers at Design Excellence Awards

2025 Winners Recognized at the Celebration of Design

CHICAGO (Sept. 24, 2025) – On Wednesday, Sept. 24, the American Society of Interior Designers – Illinois Chapter (ASID-IL), held its annual Celebration of Design and Design Excellence Awards. The 2025 Design Excellence Award winners were announced during the celebration at The Dalcy.

ASID-IL President Veronica Ferro, ASID discussed the important role of design, designers, and ASID in positively impacting the built environment and the human experience.

The Design Excellence Awards recognized design professionals that were either members of ASID or IIDA Illinois Chapters as well as Registered Interior Designers in the state of Illinois. Designers submitted their entries in over 35 categories including residential, contract, and product design.

A panel of distinguished interior design professionals from other ASID Chapters across the country reviewed the entries and selected category winners based on lighting, scale and proportion, color and composition, design creativity, function, and solutions appropriate to the design criteria. All entrants also included an IMPACT statement –an explanation of how the project affected the users' lives or livelihoods.

Event sponsors included Presenting Sponsors: theMART, Artist Frame Service, and Studio 41/Franke, Event Sponsors: Sherwin Williams, ABLAZE Design Group, Zip Water, Terrazzo & Marble Supply, Designer Receiving, First Light Home Care and Matt Mansueto Photography.

Modern Luxury Interiors Chicago served as the event's exclusive luxury media partner.

Design Excellence Award Winners:

Category: Contract Under 5,000 SF
Firm: studio A. d

Category: Contract Overs 5,000 SF
Firm: CBRE Design Collective

Category: Healthcare
Firm: SmithGroup

Category: Recreational Facility/ Spa/ Fitness
Firm: AECOM

Category: Kitchen Honorable Mention
Firm: ABLAZE Design Group

Category: Kitchen First Place
Firm: KED Interiors

Category: Kitchen Scullery
Firm: ABLAZE Design Group

Category: Bath
Firm: KED Interiors

Category: Bath by Small Firm
Firm: Wiley Designs Interiors

Category: Powder Room
Firm: Yamini Designs & Interiors by Francesca

Category: Residence Under 3,000 SF
Firm: Brianne Bishop Design

Category: Residence Over 3,000 SF
Firm: Tom Stringer Design Partners

Category: Design for Individual with Specific Needs/ Aging in Place/ Universal Design
Firm: Mature Transitions by Design

Category: Showcase Space
Firm: Yamini Designs & Interiors by Francesca

Category: Outdoor Space
Firm: CCS Interior Design Group

Category: Living Room/Family Room Design
Firm: Yamini Designs & Interiors by Francesca

Category: Dining Room Design
Firm: Relic Design

Category: Bedroom Design
Firm: Yamini Designs & Interiors by Francesca

Category: Millwork / Built-ins
Firm: KED Interiors

Category: Historic Restoration Contract or Residential
Firm: Lauren Ashley Allan

Category: Specialty Spaces
Firm: Abrams Valenti Interiors

Category: Furnishings
Firm: Gary Lee Partners

Category: Surfaces
Firm: Maya Romanoff

Category: Custom Textile
Firm: Lauren Ashley Allan

Category: Student Residential Project
Student: Clemson Brignall, ASID Student

Category: Student Commercial Project Honorable Mention
Student: Bianca D'Alessio, ASID Student

Category: Student Commercial Project First Place
Student: Kelsey Krzyston Evans, ASID Student

Category: Student Kitchen/Bathroom Project
Student: Abigail Ortman, ASID Student

Category: Rendering
Student: Bianca D'Alessio, ASID Student

Category: Portfolio
Student: Lily Jade Atwood, ASID Student

Chapter Awards:

River North Design District's Best Emerging Designer
Terese Poulos, ASID Allied

Rising Star
Coley Holland, ASID Affiliate

Advocate of the Year
Joan Kaufman, FASID

Member of Distinction
John Cialone, FASID

About ASID-IL:

The American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) is a community of people —designers, industry representatives, educators and students — committed to interior design. Through education, knowledge sharing, advocacy, community building and outreach, the Society strives to advance the interior design profession and, in the process, to demonstrate and celebrate the power of design to positively change people's lives. Its more than 19,000 members engage in a

variety of professional programs and activities through a network of 43 chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

The American Society of Interior Designers - Illinois Chapter (ASID-IL) is a professional association representing the interests of more than 750 Illinois interior designers, students and design industry partner members. Its vision is to be the voice of design in Illinois, to provide information through quality, timely communications, to educate its members and clients and to grow and support market expansion. ASID-IL is led by a volunteer board that includes the Chapter's president, president-elect, five directors and one student representative. Please visit <http://il.asid.org/> for more information.

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