Distinguished Designs

t the beginning of September, American School & University gathered five educational design professionals on a video conference session to begin evaluating the school and university projects entered in the 2022 Architectural Portfolio. The jurors—architects and education administrators—reviewed the entries on their own over several days, then reconvened virtually to discuss and debate which projects impressed them enough to be award Citations for exceptional designs.

As they assessed the projects that design firms and education institutions submitted for the Architectural Portfolio, the jurors articulated some of the key characteristics they would be looking for as they determined those that stood out from the rest. Among them:

- Positive effect on the school community
- Design that enhances learning
- Beauty and delight
- Adaptability and flexibility
- Sustainability
- Achieving the intended design goal
- Efficient use of funds and resources
- Effectively conveying the identity and spirit of a project



Paul Kweton



Jill Leckner



Vandana Nayak



Jeff Vandel



Maria Welch

"The building brings light, joy and excitement. The thoughtful approach to separating public and private areas of the building while connecting it to the community is quite successful."

WILLIAM W. CAUDILL CITATION, P. 18-19

"Uses daylight so well. The materials, the proportions of this building are so nice and so clean. The simple volumes resonate with the programming on the interior."

LOUIS I. KAHN CITATION, P. 20-21

"The designer has been able to capture the context and use simple moments of circulation to create identity. Some really memorable moments throughout."

SPECIAL CITATION, P. 22-23

"A beautiful project...spectacular to look at it and see how it responds to the context and the site."

SPECIAL CITATION, P. 24-25

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SPECIAL CITATION, P. 26-27

"The architecture is consistent in all the details from the outside to the inside. This can be a jewel piece for years to come."

SPECIAL CITATION, P. 28