

AIA Minnesota Announces **2016 Louis Lundgren Award Recipient**

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA – **David L. Andersen, AIA**, architect and consultant at Andersen by Design, LLC, is the recipient of the **2016 AIA Minnesota Louis Lundgren Award**.

AIA Minnesota's Louis Lundgren Award recognizes one Minnesota architect annually for their dedication to the profession of architecture through community volunteer activities and professional leadership.

David L. Andersen, this year's recipient, exemplifies the diverse range of volunteerism this award seeks to recognize. Owner of his design firm, Andersen by Design, LLC, David has merged his profession and outside interests into a career that has impacted local and international communities, global ecotourism efforts, youth groups, his church community, and the profession through his many roles with AIA.



As a volunteer leader in nonprofit organizations and student-learning ventures, David has served as president for two of the Ronald McDonald House Children's Charities of the Upper Midwest, SAGE Academy School board chair, founding board member of the highly successful nonprofit Mainstream Living in Des Moines, IA, and a board member of that organization's Story County Developmental Center in Ames, IA. Directly related to his passion for helping young students develop creativity and leadership, David volunteered as a coach for Odyssey of the Mind, a nonprofit international creative problem-solving program for kindergarten through college-aged students, and judged the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Awards.

As a visionary leader in ecotourism and park planning, David locally served as chair of the Corcoran City Planning Commission, was a founding member of the Parks and Trails Commission, and volunteered as a soccer coach for Plymouth Parks and Recreation. Internationally, he served as a professional advisor to BIOSFERA (an environmental nonprofit group dedicated to protecting the Amazon in Brazil), a policy paper reviewer for Conservation International, and as an advisor to the International Ecotourism Society. His international volunteer work was honored by U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, who arranged for a flag to be flown over the U.S. Capitol in recognition of David's 25 years of service to the global environment.

In his church community, he has fulfilled roles on the church council, chaired long-range planning committees, and served as a volunteer crisis counselor with the

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nationally recognized Befrienders program. David's myriad roles as a volunteer have demonstrated his leadership and heartfelt commitment.

David has contributed to his profession through his leadership in AIA Minnesota including his role as Minneapolis Chapter President, chair of various committees, speaker at the AIA Minnesota State Convention, keynote speaker at the AIA Alaska State Convention, and chair of the jury for the AIA Chicago Firm Award Selection Committee. He has also served as the chair of the jury for the Bahamas Architects Design Competition and a featured volunteer speaker at the CSI National Convention in Orlando, FL.

Some of the jury comments:

“David’s breadth and variety in volunteerism was impressive from the local and AIA impact to the global reach he’s been able to achieve over the course of his career and life. David exemplifies the type of well-rounded volunteerism this award seeks to recognize.”

“His diverse involvement from his environmental and ecotourism activities to his nonprofit, faith and youth-group efforts, is a balanced blend of work that benefits the profession, community and individuals.”

The AIA Minnesota Louis Lundgren Award jury was comprised of representatives from a host of AIA Minnesota committees and award winners including: **Shida Du, AIA**, BWBR Architects; **Amy Kalar, AIA**, RSP Architects; **Ed Kodet, FAIA**, Kodet Architectural Group; and **Samantha Mendiola, AIA**, HGA Architects.

David Andersen, AIA, will receive his award at the annual AIA Minnesota Awards Dinner on Friday, December 2, 2016, at International Market Square in Minneapolis, MN. Learn more about the Louis Lundgren Award at <http://www.aia-mn.org/get-involved/aia-minnesotaawards/louis-lundgren-award/>

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