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DAG Architects Receives Awards From AIA Florida Northwest

Industry association recognizes firm for thoughtful design and employee service

Destin, FL —Continuing its commitment to thoughtful design, DAG Architects walked away with three project awards at the recent awards gala for AIA Florida Northwest. In addition, one of the firm's employees received the Honor Award for Community Service.

The new Pen Air Federal Credit Union received the *Citation Award for New Work*. The 54,000-square-foot building sits on 16 acres in Pensacola, Florida. According to the judges, the building redefines and modernizes the workplace experience for its employees, customers, stakeholders and the community at large.

As a result of the damage to downtown Panama City, the firm was engaged to lead the redesign of the historic Martin Theatre which was nearly destroyed by Hurricane Michael. *The Honor Award for Historic Preservation/Restoration* singled this project out for the impact it has made on the city's revitalization efforts.

The Merit Award for Unbuilt Work recognized the firm's design leadership for enhancements to Joe's Bayou Recreation Area. Working with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the City of Destin. According to the judges, "the design team focused on core principles including ADA accessibility, environmental stewardship, sustainability, and resiliency". This park will serve thousands of citizens on a weekly basis and will serve to enhance the recreational pursuits in the community.

Jamie Stephens, AIA, and an Associate in the firm received the *Honor Award for Community Service*. The award recognizes a member of the association who has made an impact on the community through volunteer service. "Jamie Stephens has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to service and selflessly shares her expertise to uplift those around her," said the judges.

"We are thrilled that AIA Florida Northwest sought to recognize these projects for their thoughtful design. It goes without saying that our clients deserve this award because it was each of them who served as the catalyst for our teams to do what they do best – create spaces and places that serve the communities they are a part of," said DAG's Managing Principal, Roger Godwin, AIA.

"The evening was capped off with Jamie Stephens receiving the community service award. She works tirelessly to share her love of the profession to everyone with whom she comes into contact with. Jamie extols the DAG philosophy of always striving to make things better," said Godwin.

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is a professional association for architects and related design professionals. The AIA is committed to advancing the value of architects and architecture and improving the quality of the built environment. It provides resources, advocacy, and support to its members, as well as public outreach programs to enhance public understanding of architecture and design.

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ABOUT THE FIRM

DAG Architects was founded in 1981 by Charles W. Clary, FAIA and Sam Blimling, AIA. Today the firm is guided by ten Principals. With a belief that sound business practices, excellent service and a commitment to designing for the client and the market is paramount, the firm has seen steady growth over the years. Subscribing to the philosophy that the projects being designed will ultimately result in a positive influence on the built environment and the community of which they are a part, then, and only then, will DAG recognize its work as above average. The firm has expertise in Government, Education, Hospitality, Healthcare, Mixed Use, Multifamily, Office, Resort, Residential and Retail sectors. DAG Architects has offices in Atlanta, Destin, Melbourne, Panama City, Pensacola and Tallahassee.