



2016 Excellence Awards - Call for Entries

ABOUT ASSOCIATION FOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

The Association for Learning Environments is a professional association whose sole mission is improving the places where children learn. Association for Learning Environment members — individuals, institutions, and corporations — are actively involved in planning, designing, building, equipping, and maintaining schools and colleges.

THE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Excellence Awards, established in 2005, recognize South Carolina's Best in Class school solutions. Past winners exemplify some of the finest school construction projects in South Carolina.

ELIGIBILITY

Entries must meet the following criteria:

- Schools must be located in South Carolina.
- Construction must have been completed after 1/1/2012.
- Award submittals may be made by the Owner, Architect, Engineer, General Contractor, or Construction Manager. The entity submitting the project must be a member of **Association for Learning Environments SC**.
- Entries must be submitted under one of the following categories:
 - New Construction
 - Addition / Renovation

SUBMITTALS

Submittals for the Excellence Awards shall be provided as **8 ½ x 11 digital files**. Drawings, photographs, and narratives shall be included in the initial submittal to allow judging to occur prior to the conference. The submitted materials shall be provided as jpeg images on a USB Flash Drive or CD, accompanied by the printed entry form. The following information shall be included:

1. Project narratives addressing the following:
 - a) Description and definition of the project
 - b) Specific challenges and solutions to the **criteria** noted on the next page
 - c) Collaboration and teamwork among the project team members
2. Photographs of all major elevation views, adequate to illustrate the exterior solution.
3. Photographs of interior spaces, adequate to illustrate the quality of learning environments and solution.
4. Plans and sections, and additional drawings as required illustrating the solution.
5. The USB Flash Drive or CD shall be limited to no more than **twelve jpeg images (8.5 x 11, 300dpi)**, not including the narrative.

Note: Please do not include any reference to the architectural firm, name of the school or other team members in the submittal. Please complete the attached Entry Form which will remain concealed until the winners are selected.



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The judges will consider the following criteria in their review:

- 1) Fostering learning opportunities and academic success
- 2) Innovation in programming, technology and design
- 3) Sustainable design and awareness
- 4) Engaging the community
- 5) Architectural excellence

The jury chair will be:

Matthew Wagner, LEED AP, Virginia Tech School of Architecture & Design, Blacksburg, VA. Prior to working at Virginia Tech, Matthew worked for William McDonough + Partners in Charlottesville, VA, on numerous domestic and international projects including the WM+P Make it Right House in New Orleans, LA, and the Ferrer Research & Development Tower in Barcelona, Spain.

Submittals are due on or before **February 22, 2016**. Please register online. Payment for the entry fee of \$250 per school submittal may be processed with a credit card or check.

Please send your design award submittal to:

Association for Learning Environments SC Awards
Jumper Carter Sease Architects
Attn: Michael Ritchie AIA LEED AP BD+C
412 Meeting Street
West Columbia, SC 29169

If you have any questions contact: Michael Ritchie @ 803-791-1020 or mritchie@jcsarchitects.com

Project Displays (Due at the Conference):

Project displays are due **March 16th between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm** for display during the 2016 Association for Learning Environments SC Conference at the Wild Dunes Resort & Conference Center in Isle of Palms, SC.

The display shall consist of a 40" X 40" "hardboard on easel" format for each school project submitted for judging. The displays will be showcased throughout the duration of conference. Please adhere to the following guidelines when preparing your display:

- Include a full color overview of the project, including photos, graphics, etc.
- Plans, sections, or elevation drawings may be included; construction photos are optional
- Due to size and location restrictions, displays cannot utilize electricity, tables, or "tradeshow" type booths, but entrants should bring their own easels to display their boards.
- You may identify name of project, school district, and architectural firm along the bottom margin of your board this year since judging will occur prior to the conference.

Displays are to be set up in the designated area at the Conference and award winners will be announced at the Conference.