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AIA Palm Beach Celebrates Legacy of Architect William Manly King, AIA

West Palm Beach, Fla.— The Palm Beach chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Palm Beach) posthumously awarded William Manly King, AIA the most prestigious honor given to an architect by the association, the AIA Palm Beach Gold Medal.

King served as the chief architect of the Palm Beach County School District in the 1920's and was one of the most prominent early architects in Palm Beach County.

Mr. King designed more than 200 buildings across Florida during his time as an architect including Palm Beach High School and the adjacent Palm Beach Junior College. Mr. King also designed hotels in West Palm Beach, the National Guard Armory (1939), the Hibiscus Garden Apartments (1926) and the seal for the City of West Palm Beach. In June, 1991 the Palm Beach Junior College building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

“The Gold Medal is intended to recognize an individual architect in Palm Beach County who has distinguished himself or herself in a manner resulting in a profound impact on the profession over an extended period of time,” said AIA Palm Beach President, Dan Sloan, AIA. “William Manly King AIA exemplifies all that this honor intends to celebrate.”

The award was presented to Jeremy Johnson, CAE, President and CEO of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County during the AIA Palm Beach Design Awards Reception held at the Benvenuto Restaurant in Boynton Beach last month.

About AIA Palm Beach

Founded in 1912, the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects consistently works to create more valuable, healthy, secure, and sustainable buildings, neighborhoods, and communities throughout the state. As one of 13 local chapters, AIA Palm Beach serves nearly 300 members in the region. Members adhere to a code of ethics and conduct to ensure the highest professional standards. The AIA provides members with tools and resources to assist them in their careers and business as well as engaging civic and government leaders, and the public to find solutions to pressing issues facing our communities, institutions, nation and world.

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