



GNYCUC holds 2019 Chairman's Reception at The Underground; Program led by Pierce of the Rockefeller Group

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TWA Hotel development team.

New York, NY The Greater New York Construction User Council (GNYCUC) held its 2019 Chairman's Reception at The Underground. The development, construction and design communities gathered to recognize construction and development projects, as well as the individuals that facilitate such projects.

The program was led by GNYCUC chairman John Pierce of the Rockefeller Group. More than 200 owners and developers attended the event, along with leading architects, engineers and construction professionals.

Many of the city's leading real estate, design and construction firms were recognized for their contributions for the real estate projects of the past year, including Kohn Pedersen Fox, Thornton Tomasetti, Sciamè, Vornado Realty Trust, DeSimone Consulting Engineers, Diller Scofidio + Renfro/MCR Development, Related Companies, Turner Construction, AECOM Tishman, Lendlease, The Durst Organization, Jaros Baum & Bolles, JRM Construction Management, Hunter Roberts Construction Group, Gensler and SLCE Architects.

Honored projects included:

- Cultural: The Shed NYC
- Infrastructure: Hudson Yards Platform
- Interior: Convene at 101 Greenwich St.
- Repositioning: 1155 Avenue of the America (The Durst Org.)
- Residential: 220 Central Park South (Vornado Realty Trust)
- Higher-Education: 1 Place Plaza & 41 Park Row (Pace University)

- Public Space: The Vessel at Hudson Yards (Related Cos.)
- Commercial: TWA Hotel (MCR Development)
- Hospitality: L'Avenue at SAKS
- Healthcare: Mount Sinai Queens Stroke Center

2019 Individuals of the Year were:

- Individual of the Year for Leadership in Construction: Howard Rowland, president, E.W. Howell.
- Individual of the Year for Leadership in Design: Jill Lerner, principal, KPF.

As president of E.W. Howell, Rowland directs one of the region's leading education, retail, cultural, government and healthcare builders. Howard joined E.W. Howell in 1982 and has been president of the firm since 1997. Under his direction, the firm has become a leader in the public and private sector in the New York Metropolitan area.

With more than 35 years of design and management experience, Lerner is currently a principal at KPF has led the design of numerous award-winning academic and institutional research facilities projects throughout the U.S. She was President of the AIA NY chapter in 2013, is currently a Board Member of the Urban Green and is on the external advisory board of the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future. She was the only architect on the Cornell University Board of Trustees, is past Chair of the University's College of Architecture, Art and Planning Alumni Advisory Council and is an active member of the president's Council of Cornell Women.

"The Chairman's Reception provides a high-visibility platform to recognize some of the truly outstanding projects and people that make the NYC area so vibrant for building," said Pierce. "GNYCUC's goal is to ensure that private and public owners, developers, builders and designers continue to drive bold and innovative construction projects that redefine the built environment of this city."

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