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Michael Graves, FAIA Recieves ULI-NNJ award

Michael Graves honoured at ULI awards The New Jersey District Council of the Urban Land Institute (ULI-NNJ) recently honored Michael Graves, FAIA, with the Lifetime Achievement Award for being in the forefront of architectural design for over 40 years. Graves was one of seven winners at ULI-NNJ's Fourth Annual Leadership in Land Use awards held at the Heldrich Center in New Brunswick, N.J., on Dec. 11, 2008.

ULI is a worldwide organization that provides leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities by bringing together leaders to exchange best practices. ULI is comprised of developers, builders, property owners, investors, architects, public officials, planners, real estate brokers, appraisers, attorneys, engineers, financiers, academics, students and librarians.

Graves of Princeton, N.J., was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for being in the forefront of architectural design since he founded his practice, Michael Graves & Associates, in Princeton in 1964. He is an influential theorist as well as a diversified and prolific designer. Since the early 1980s, his work has directly influenced the transformation of urban architecture from the abstraction of commercial modernism toward an interest in context.

Approximately 120 attendees, including real estate professionals, leaders from academia and government officials were on hand at the event to acknowledge the winners who embody ULI's mission of providing leadership in responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities.

Additional award winners included Jerry Fitzgerald English Esq., Educator of the Year; Robert Antonicello, Public Official of the Year; Eleven80 in Newark, Project of the Year; the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, Special Recognition for Public Policy; New Jersey Transit - Hudson-Bergen Light Rail, Special Recognition for Infrastructure; and the First Avenue School in Newark, Special Recognition for Sustainable Development.

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