CED Alumni recognized for professional achievements





Two outstanding alumni have been recognized by the College of Environment & Design for their achievements and support after graduation. At the annual Alumni Weekend honors dinner April 18th, Jan Solomon VandenBulck (BLA '62) was presented the Dean's Award of Honor, and Leerie Jenkins, FASLA (BLA '70) received the Distinguished Alumni Medal.

As chairman and CEO of Reynolds, Smith, and Hills for over two decades, Jenkins exemplifies the high standard of professional achievement required to earn the Alumni medal. His firm boasts 32 offices around the United States. This recognition puts Jenkins in the company of such respected recipients as Robert Marvin, Dan Franklin, and George Hargreaves. The medal was first given to then-Dean Hubert B. Owens in 1986.

VandenBulck is the first recipient of the Dean's Award of Honor, which Dean Dan Nadenicek created this year to recognize Alumni who advance the mission, vision and reputation of the College of Environment & Design. VandenBulck has earned personal acclaim from two First Ladies for her landscape designs, which focus primarily on quality plant materials and a balance between environmental conditions, habitat and long-term care.