

# IIDA NE Celebrates Annual Design Awards

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Boston – The Interior Design Association New England chapter (IIDA NE) held its 15th Annual Design Awards celebration on Sept. 14 at Boston Park Plaza in Boston. The 2022 awards, which honor the work and celebrate the teams behind the year’s most show-stopping spaces throughout New England, were held both in person and virtually.

The ceremony was hosted by 2022 event co-chairs, Ryan Akers of Interface and Meghan Bildner of Allsteel. According to Lisa Statkiewicz, 2022-23 IIDA NE president, this year’s event included 86 professional entries from 42 firms and a record 16 student entries, with seven colleges represented. The Design Awards Committee asked the judges to pay special attention to diversity, equity, and inclusion in their jury process.

A new category at the event was Hospitality – Retail & Experiential which focuses on amenity spaces in the hospitality industry such as boutique stores, cuisine arts, pop-up shopping centers, marketing and merchandising spaces, and event spaces that enhance the retail experience. The award went to Gensler for the High Street Place project in Boston, who was also awarded Best in Show at the ceremony.

The Humanity of Design award is given for the project that best incorporates elements to enrich the human experience through wellness, sustainability, equity, diversity, and inclusion. The award went to Merge Architects, Inc. for Ten Percent Happier Headquarters in Downtown Boston.

Awarded Project:

## **BUILDING REPOSITIONING/BUILDING AMENITIES**

### **Harvard University Soldiers Field Park: Elkus Manfredi Architects (MA)**

RDK Engineers / LAM Partners / Acentech / Kalin Associates / **Vanderweil Engineers** / Jensen Hughes / McNamara Salvia / IBI Placemaking / Robbie McCabe Consulting / KMA, LLC