

# Center for BrainHealth Wins Coveted Architectural Design Award



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The University of Texas at Dallas Center for BrainHealth won a prestigious Texas Society of Architects (TSA) Design Award for 2009. A mere four percent of the 261 total entries (out of more than 1,000 applicants) were selected for the honor announced on May 15.

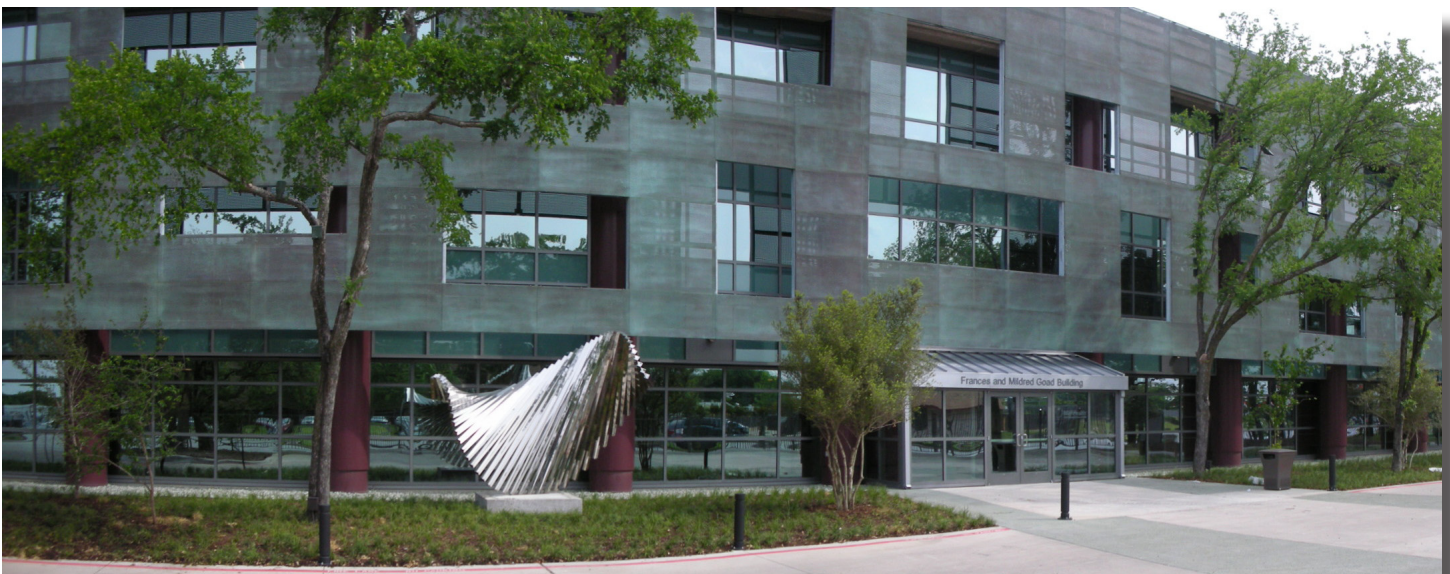
An ultra-modern, 63,000-square-foot research facility resting on a tree-laden, 3.5-acre site, the Center for BrainHealth was renovated from a concrete-heavy, nearly four-decade-old structure by HKS, Inc., one of the nation's leading architectural firms. Photographs of HKS's winning Center for BrainHealth design will be published in the September/October issue of Texas Architect magazine.

"The inspired brilliance of the architectural design by Kiley Harvey of HKS is the perfect context for the life-changing brain science taking place within," Sandi Chapman, Ph.D., founder and chief director of the Center, said. "When researchers and staff members enter the building, the innovative design frees the mind to unleash incredible creativity."

"This is a great accomplishment for BrainHealth and HKS," Kiley Harvey, lead HKS designer on the ambitious redesign, said when notified of the TSA Design Award. The painstaking remodel began in June 2005 and was completed 15 months later. BrainHealth researchers began to move into the new facility in September 2006, and the building was formally dedicated on January 26, 2007.

The 12 winning projects will be acknowledged at a Houston ceremony during the TSA convention in late October. Jurors who selected the 12 honorees were Philip Freelon, president of the Freelon Group in Raleigh-Durham, N.C.; Mary Margaret Jones, president of San Francisco-based landscape architecture firm Hargreaves Associates; and, Rick Joy, founding principal of Rick Joy Architects in Tucson, AZ.

The Texas Society of Architects, the Lone Star State Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, promotes societal benefits of the architectural profession in Texas.



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