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Three in Colorado elevated as ASLA Fellows

ASLA Colorado members John Norris, president and CEO, Norris Design, Denver; Daniel Tal, DHM Design, Denver and Jeff Woods, Parks and Recreation Department (retired), Aspen, were elevated as Fellows 2021.

Fellowship is among the highest honors that ASLA bestows on members. It recognizes the contributions of these individuals to their profession and society at large based on their works, leadership and management, knowledge and service.

Though they were honored in Denver in September, they will be formally inducted into the Council along with 32 new ASLA Fellows during the annual conference in Nashville in November.



Photo courtesy Becky Garber-Godi

Jeff Woods, FASLA, Parks and Recreation Department (retired), Aspen and John Norris, FASLA, Norris Design, Denver

The ELITE Awards return



The ELITE Awards reception is scheduled for November 10 in Thornton. ALCC's annual event celebrates The ELITE Awards finalists and recipients as well as Volunteer Service Award honorees. The event was held in the first quarter of the year for many years, but was postponed in 2021 due to pandemic restrictions on large in-person gatherings.

"We didn't want to lose the joy and camaraderie that comes with the event," said

Melissa Emdin, programs and education director at ALCC. "We postponed the program so we could be sure that the Colorado landscape industry could come together again to celebrate excellence."

With the event postponed, Emdin took advantage of the time to delay the awards entry process while a team of industry volunteers evaluated and updated some of the categories and submission forms. The retooling resulted in the sunset of some categories (Use of Col-

or, Customer Service) and the introduction of new ones like Plant Design.

The innovation and MVP awards were adapted to be no-fee categories in which all submissions would be recognized. "The awards review committee noted that the wide-ranging innovations were not easily judged against each other," Emdin said. "To encourage and commend all innovation and all of the team members who are indispensable to our industry, we will recognize all qualifying submissions." | **CG**

Scenes from Colorado's green industry



An employee rides a mechanical bull at Environmental Designs' annual summer employee party.

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"At Environmental Designs, our employees mean everything to us, says Kenna Black, marketing manager & design assistant at Environmental Designs Inc. "Our employee appreciation parties are where we get to say thank you for going above and beyond and to give everyone a chance to enjoy themselves. Our parties even have mechanical bulls, because what better way is there to let loose and have a good laugh!"



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