



# PRESS RELEASE

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## Connecticut Building Congress Recognizes the 2023 Project Team of the Year!

The Connecticut Building Congress announced that **Fairfield University's Leo D. Mahoney Arena** was selected as the 2023 Project Team of the Year at the 27th Annual Project Team Awards Banquet, held Tuesday, June 13th at the Aqua Turf Club night in Plantsville. Building owners, architects, contractors, engineers, and consultants celebrated the spirit of teamwork that thrives throughout Connecticut's design and construction industry.

Each year CBC looks for outstanding design and construction projects including new construction and renovations that exemplify project team excellence and represent the best practices in teamwork by project owners, architects, engineers, constructors, tradespeople, suppliers, and service providers. One team is chosen out of all the winners as the one that best represents surpassing goals and achieving higher project quality through this close collaboration. This year's winners in each category are:

- **Multi-Family / Mixed Use (Large)**
  - First Place: Rocky Neck Village | East Lyme, CT submitted by [LaRosa Building Group](#) for Rocky Neck Village
- **Civic (Small)**
  - Award of Merit: East Haven Veterans Memorial Ice Rick | East Haven, CT submitted by [SLAM Collaborative](#) for the Town of East Haven
- **Commercial / Industrial (Large)**
  - Award of Merit: Paragon Medical | Southington, CT submitted by [Bartlett Brainard Eacott, Inc.](#) for Paragon Medical
- **Healthcare (Small)**
  - First Place: Emergency Department Annex | New Haven, CT submitted by [Petra Construction Corporation](#) for Yale New Haven Health
  - Award of Merit: Connecticut Children's Westport Pediatric Specialty Care Center | Westport, CT submitted by [Phase Zero Design](#) for Connecticut Children's Westport Pediatric Specialty Care Center
- **Higher Education (Small)**
  - Award of Merit: Quinnipiac's Admissions Visitors Center | Hamden, CT submitted by Wohlsen Construction Company for Quinnipiac University
- **Higher Education (Large)**
  - First Place: Fairfield University Leo D. Mahoney Arena | Fairfield, CT submitted by [Gilbane Building Co.](#) for Fairfield University
  - Award of Merit: Gant Science Complex at the University of Connecticut | Storrs, CT submitted by [Goody Clancy](#) for UCONN
- **K-12 Schools (Large)**
  - First Place: John F. Kennedy Middle School | Enfield, CT submitted by [Gilbane Building Co.](#) for Enfield Public Schools
  - Award of Merit: Bristol Arts and Innovation Magnet School | Bristol, CT submitted by [Benesch](#) for the Bristol Board of Education
- **Transportation (Small)**
  - Award of Merit: Davis Avenue Bridge | Greenwich, CT submitted by [Benesch](#) for the Town of Greenwich

### Judges for the program were:


**Matt Hart**, Executive Director, Capitol Region Council of Governments  
**Namhun Lee**, Ph.D., CM-BIM, Professor, Central Connecticut State University  
**Allen Rossignol**, CEO, Edge Architecture and Project Executive at Edge Building & Construction

The CBCSF (Connecticut Building Congress Scholarship Fund) also announced the 2023 student scholarship winners on Tuesday, June 13th's event. Student winners came from the following cities or towns: Sandy Hook, Old Greenwich, Hamden and Deep River. Student winner details can be found at the [cbc-ct.org](https://cbc-ct.org) website.

CBC also honored the late **Kevin Levesque**, CBC Board Member & Programs Committee Co-Chair at the event. Kevin was a valued leader at CBC, and executive member of the Babbidge Construction Company. He will be remembered for his intelligence, generous spirit, and incredible smile. Tragically, Kevin leaves behind three young children. Kevin was a wonderful father and his children were the light of his life. Please help us honor Kevin's memory and support his children by making a donation to the Kevin D. Levesque Memorial Trust. All funds received will go directly to the Kevin D. Levesque Memorial Trust, which has been established to help support the health, education, maintenance and support of Kevin's beautiful young children. Use the link below to visit the page. Any donations are appreciated. <https://bit.ly/gfmkevin>

To view photos from each of these projects: <https://cbc-ct.org/2023-27th-annual-pta/>

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