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Dr. Allen, Please

Graduation season came home to *Interior Design* as editor in chief Cindy Allen collected her honorary doctorate in fine arts from the New York School of Interior Design. Her fellow honoree, the namesake principal of the Shashi Caan Collective, also delivered the commencement address. NYSID president Christopher Cyphers calls Allen "perhaps the most important member of the design press" and Caan "one of America's leading design intellectuals." Well, *we* could have told you that.

1. New York School of Interior Design president **Christopher Cyphers.**
2. Cyphers and *Interior Design* editor in chief **Cindy Allen,** PhD.
3. Another freshly minted PhD, the Shashi Caan Collective's **Shashi Caan.**
4. **Judith Gura,** an interiordesign.net blogger, receiving the William Breger Faculty Achievement Award from **Scott Ageloff,** the dean and vice president of academic affairs at NYSID.
5. A doctor in the house.

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The Winners' Circle

With tribute season in full swing, International Furnishings and Design Association members and supporters gathered for the New York chapter's biannual Circle of Excellence Awards. *Interior Design* editor in chief Cindy Allen was the winner in the media category— an honor presented to her by Gensler's Northeast regional managing principal, Robin Klehr Avia, along with some insider anecdotes.

6. The seven honorees, Alpha Workshops executive director **Kenneth Wampler,** Stark's **John Stark,** *Interior Design* editor in chief **Cindy Allen,** Steelcase director of global environmental strategies and programs **Angela Nahikian,** Charles Pavarini III Design Associates's **Charles Pavarini III,** Benjamin Moore & Co. manager of creative services **Ray Gomez,** and Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum, director **Bill Moggridge.**
7. Gensler principal and creative director **John Bricker** and Northeast regional managing principal **Robin Klehr Avia** with New York Design Center president and CEO **James Druckman.**
8. Needlework designer **Erica Wilson** and her husband, *Interior Design* Hall of Fame member **Vladimir Kagan,** with Allen and designer **Dakota Jackson,** who presented Pavarini's award.

Reigning in Spain

Underscoring the *International* in the International Contemporary Furniture Fair, the Spanish Institute for Foreign Trade's Interiors From Spain initiative hosted a panel discussion between five young talents. *Interior Design* editor in chief Cindy Allen moderated the standing-room-only session at New York's Jacob K. Javits Convention Center.

9. Inocuo the Sign art director **Javier Gutierrez,** Luis Eslava Studio's **Luis Eslava,** Edda Design studio manager **Jordi Milà,** *Interior Design* editor in chief **Cindy Allen,** Apparatu founder **Xavier Mañosa,** and Mario Ruiz Diseño Industrial's **Mario Ruiz.**
10. Mañosa disussing his ceramics.
11. An overflow crowd at 2:30 PM.