

**Schenkel Shultz receives Outstanding Project Award
and National Recognition for
The Villages Charter High School**

Cleveland, OH – October 13, 2025 – **Schenkel Shultz** (Winter Park, Florida) has received an **Outstanding Project Award** in *Learning By Design Magazine's Fall 2025 Architecture and Interior Design Awards of Excellence*.

Schenkel Shultz's design of **The Villages Charter High School** (Middleton, FL) has been recognized as an award-winning benchmark facility for its incorporation of next generation learning space design and planning methodologies. The built environment characteristics found in this project are worthy of replication by other educators and design professionals who create, have oversight of, and operate spaces for learning.

All submissions to the Fall 2025 awards program were peer-reviewed by a jury of vetted education design professionals. Projects such as **The Villages Charter High School** are scored on six submission criteria: Design Challenges and Innovation; Sustainability and Social Impact; Interior Architecture/Design; Next Generation Learning; Functional Design/Effective space Planning; and Community Needs. The judges determine each project's worthiness, unique qualities, and the architectural design and planning concepts that were successfully implemented.

Learning By Design's jury of five education, architecture, and facility design experts applauded **Schenkel Shultz** for its accomplishment in designing **The Villages Charter High School**.

The Jury comments about this project included: ***"The cohesive use of branding, color, and materials reinforces district and school pride, while the design's nod to local historic and civic architecture strengthens community connection. Thoughtful site planning avoided sensitive soils and subsurface risks, enabling efficient foundations and protecting the ecology. A wide range of academic and career-focused spaces—including STEM, business, and arts—underscores a strong commitment to real-world preparedness."***

The Villages Charter High School will be featured in the print and digital version of the October 2025 edition of *Learning By Design Magazine*. The magazine, founded in 1991, and the official publication of the Association for Learning Environments (A4LE) reaches more than 45,000+ professionals throughout the United States responsible for the campus built-environment at all levels of PK-12 and post-secondary education and facility design throughout the United States. To access the digital edition, visit learningbydesignmagazine.com