

Thomas D. Montero*, FCSI



"In recognition of your notable contributions to education programs, your commitment to excellence, and your leadership role in service at the chapter, region, and Institute levels, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 26th day of June 1993."

Houston, Texas



THOMAS DAVID MONTERO, JR., was born in 1940 in New Orleans, Louisiana. As a youngster, due to his father's trade, Tom had the opportunity to live and go to school in many states in the Southeastern part of the country. His family didn't live in the same town for more than two years until he was in high school and college.

As a seventh grader, Montero read a book about Frank Lloyd Wright and decided he wanted to become an architect. Prior to entering high school, he contacted the Dean at Louisiana State University (LSU) and requested a suggested curriculum to prepare himself for an architectural degree. He attended Southeastern Louisiana College in Hammond, transferred to LSU Baton Rouge where he received a Bachelor of Architecture in 1965. He later did post-graduate work at the University of South Florida in air conditioning design and structural design for small buildings.

Tom received his license to practice architecture in 1967 and opened a private practice while teaching in Louisiana's Vo-

Tech School System. He was NCARB certified, and licensed in Louisiana, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina.

In 1975, he moved his family to Tampa, Florida, to become the president of a small A&E firm. In 1982, he became manager of the Central Florida office of a Miami-based firm.

He served on many committees in the Florida West Coast Chapter; and became president in 1979. During this time, he chaired the first Region Conference to be hosted by the chapter.

In 1985, after moving to the Greater Orlando (GO) Chapter, he chaired the Host Chapter Institute Convention Committee.

Throughout his years of CSI membership, he supported, advised, and mentored others through chapter, region, and Institute presentations.

Montero passed away on 16 March 2025 in Sanford, Florida.

CSI Membership

Florida West Coast Chapter, 1975-1982
Greater Orlando Chapter, 1981

Institute Offices, Committees

Jury of Fellows
Institute Education Committee, 1985-1988
SE Region Director, 1990-1992
Vice President, 1995
CDT Test Question Committee, 2011
CDT Passing Study Task Team 2011

Region Offices, Committees

SE Region Conference Chair, 1980
SE Region President, 1992
SE Region Education Committee Chair
SE Region District 3 Vice President, FY 2011-2012

Awards

Institute

Certificate of Appreciation, 1988, 1991, 1994, 1996
Publications Commendation, 1990
Certificate of Merit & Appreciation, 1992, 1994, 1995
Distinguished Service Award, 2015

Southeast Region

Director's Certificate, October 1980
Director's Award, October 1985
Organizational Certificate of Appreciation, Oct 1986
Education Award, October 1987
Education Commendation, September 1989
Certificate of Appreciation, October 1991
Certificate of Recognition, September 1994
Institute Director's Certificate, October 1995

Chapter

GO Chapter Certificate of Appreciation, 1986-1989, 1991, 1992, 1997; GO Chapter John Hart Award, 1991
Florida West Coast President's Certificate, 1977, 1978
Florida West Coast Certificate of Appreciation, 1979, 1980