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IIDA CEO Cheryl Durst 2011 Commencement Speaker for New York School of Interior Design

Ms. Durst receives Honorary Doctorate

On Friday, May 20 Cheryl S. Durst, Hon. FIIDA, LEED AP, Executive Vice President and CEO of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA), provided inspiration and insight as she delivered the commencement address to the 2011 graduates at the New York School of Interior Design. Ms. Durst also received the college's Honorary Doctorate degree in Fine Arts, as did architect and designer [Michael Graves](#) and artist [Michele Oka Doner](#).

The ceremony was held on a sunny day in the heart of Lincoln Center in the Allen Room at Frederick P. Rose Hall on Broadway at 60th Street, New York. More than 100 graduates participated in the ceremony.

New York School of Interior Design President, Christopher J. Cyphers, conferred the Honorary Doctorate on Ms. Durst and the other honorees during the ceremony.



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IIDA would like to congratulate all of the recent design graduates of 2011!

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About International Interior Design Association

The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is a professional networking and educational association with more than 13,000 Members practicing worldwide in more than 50 countries. IIDA is committed to enhancing the quality of life through excellence in interior design and advancing interior design through knowledge, value and community. IIDA advocates for interior design excellence; nurtures a global interior design community; maintains high educational standards; and supports its Members and the Profession with visionary leadership. Additional information is available on the IIDA website at www.iida.org.

About NYSID

Founded in 1916, the [New York School of Interior Design \(NYSID\)](http://www.nysid.edu) is New York's only private, not-for-profit college devoted exclusively to interior design education and related disciplines. NYSID's guiding principle is that the interior environment is a fundamental element of human welfare, and the college is committed to actively improving, through design, the quality of life for all segments of humanity. This ideal is put into practice by a dedicated faculty of well-known designers, architects, art historians, and authorities in the field who guide a diverse student body of over 750 full- and part-time students. NYSID offers certificate, undergraduate and graduate programs in the fields of interior design, design history and theory, interior lighting, and sustainable design. The college is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) and NYSID's BFA is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA).