



**U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL**  
FLORIDA GULF COAST CHAPTER

# How Green Were The LEEDership Awards?

- Our venue, the USF St. Petersburg Student Center, recently achieved LEED for New Construction Gold Certification.
- The LEEDership Awards were crafted in Virginia from FSC-certified domestic cherry from well-managed forests. A member of the rose family, cherry was a favorite wood of American colonial cabinet makers, who valued its natural luster, attractive grain and smooth texture. The award features a section of a leaf carved from only a few lines -- a simple, organic image that honors the natural beauty of the source wood. [Rivanna Natural Designs](#), the creator, is a certified B Corp and offsets 100% of the energy used in the production of the awards.
- [Renewable Choice Energy](#) donated carbon offsets and renewable energy credits to offset the carbon emissions generated from attendees' travel and the electricity used during the LEEDership program. This donation of carbon offsets and renewable energy credits (RECs) mitigates 11,023 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) pollution. This is similar to planting 45 mature trees or not driving 11,905 miles in an average car.
- Paperless sponsorship and ticket sales.
- Paperless registration process.
- Table cards printed on Mohawk Options I-Tone 100PC White Cover, FSC recycled.
- Adaptive foliage was used as centerpieces and taken home by one guest per table.
- Dinner featured organically grown field greens from local growers.
- Paperless award-nomination and jury-review process.
- Nametag lanyards were made from recycled plastic which comes from post-consumer recycled plastic bottles ... and were made in the USA.
- Backing on the nametag holders was made from recycled vinyl ... and in the USA.
- Wine bottles were recycled.
- All beverages were served in reusable glassware.
- Reusable linens were used throughout the event.
- Venue uses environmentally preferable cleaning products in the ballroom.
- Venue in central location for Chapter's region, and public transportation to venue was available.