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## ACSA Announces 2008–2009 Green Community Student Competition Winners

WASHINGTON, DC--(June 12, 2009) The 2008–2009 GREEN COMMUNITY Competition challenged students to rethink their communities. The competition expanded on themes from the National Building Museum's sustainable exhibits, Green Community, Big and Green, and Green House. The competition focused entirely on the issues of sustainable development—how can we plan, design, and construct the world between our buildings.

The GREEN COMMUNITY competition program encouraged students to explore sustainable planning strategies such as brownfield/grayfield redevelopment, transit-oriented communities, natural resource management, and land conservation and develop a proposal to create a flourishing and sustainable community using the tools of the environmental design disciplines: architecture, landscape architecture, and urban planning.

First, Second, & Third Prizes along with two Honorable Mentions have been awarded along with 9 Project Citations from 260 submitted projects, which represent 1322 student participants and approximately 200 faculty from 76 Universities and 15 countries.

Jurors: Ivan Harbour, Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners; Robert Ivy, McGraw Hill/Architectural Record; Rachelle Levitt, Urban Land Institute; Harry VanOudenallen, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

- \* First Place: "Urban Reef"

- \* Students: Dylan Barlow, Kyle Belcher, & Geoffrey Gregory

- \* Faculty Sponsors: Mona El Khafif & David Fletcher

- \* California College of the Arts

- \* Juror comments: A dramatic analysis, visionary form, well assembled ideas, and beautifully illustrated. Marries a big idea directly related to the topic with an architectural solution. Deals expressly with how to deal with high rise density.

- \* Second Place: "edgEcology: Change the Edges, Change the City"

- \* Students: Chris Hardy, Tomoki Takebayashi, Chris Gruber, & Rachel Kunreuther

- \* Faculty Sponsor: Jamie Vanucchi

- \* Cornell University

\* Juror comments: This project is future thinking and develops a methodology for growth and change. The system design deals with water and land, allowing the city's waterfront to thrive. Stunning level for student work.

\* Third Place: "Urban Green Community: Revitalizing the South Nebraska District"

\* Students: Amalia Bamis, Kirsten Dahlquist, & Li Yu

\* Faculty Sponsor: Vikas Mehta

\* University of South Florida

\* Juror comments: This project offers an alternative for walkability, and is realistic because it addresses the car and connectivity between the neighborhood. Relationship to the river's edge, sustainability of using that edge, soil quality. The building construction offers much higher density with single family homes next to multi-family homes.

\* Honorable Mention: "The Virtually Customised Community"

\* Students: Andrew Cook

\* Faculty Sponsor: Colin Pugh

\* Manchester School of Architecture

\* Juror comments: This project is very inventive and thought provoking, it proposes communities created by those who have chosen to live together via virtual customizable communities, a 21st century commune. There are many pre-existing structures that will eventually need to be reinhabited (i.e. malls, factories) and this project addresses that.

\* Honorable Mention: "The Greenest Brick"

\* Students: Alex Libengood, Eric Six, John Simenic, Sylvia Piszczor, & Lauren Wetula

\* Faculty Sponsor: Thomas A. Dutton, Scott Johnston, & John Blake

\* Miami University

\* Juror comments: This project used a highly innovative idea, transforming an abandoned subway line into a bike path.