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AIA New Hampshire Invites High School Students to Enter Statewide Design Competition **Students will gain hands-on experience in designing a Performing Arts Center and can win cash prizes**

Keene, NH – Calling all high school students interested in a career in architecture and design: the New Hampshire Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is inviting all New Hampshire high school students to participate in its High School Design Competition. To enter students should have their teacher or principal register them by January 31, 2010. Competition entries are due April 30, 2010.

According to the AIANH, the competition gives students an opportunity to design a fictitious Performing Arts Center as an addition to their high school. The Center would accommodate performances by the students ranging from music in a concert hall to a multi-media contemporary theatre for theatre and video, to events such as a symposium focusing on the nexus of their school's Arts and Science curriculum, and other presentations and workshops. The facility would be open to the residents of the community and be both a signature work of architecture and a unique facility combining many specialized venues.

"Participants in this program will gain experience in recognizing the various challenges in planning and designing indoor and outdoor spaces for specific uses," said AIANH's President, Bruce Hamilton AIA. "Design is an excellent means through which to reach students of all levels and to challenge them in their analytical and problem solving skills, and this program provides an opportunity for young students to do just that."

The High School Design Competition Program will be providing a variety of monetary awards for projects exhibiting excellence in their design, modeling, and graphic presentation. Awards will include:

- ∞ **Awards for Best Design, Overall Superiority, in all aspects of Design Solution, Model, and Graphic Presentation.**
 - 1st Place: \$750
 - 2nd Place: \$500
 - 3rd Place: \$250
- ∞ **Awards for Best Model describing Design Solution**
 - 1st Place: \$750
 - 2nd Place: \$500
 - 3rd Place: \$250

∞ **Awards for Best Graphic presentation describing Design Solution:**

- 1st Place: \$750
- 2nd Place: \$500
- 3rd Place: \$250

∞ **Awards for Honorable Mention**

- At the discretion of the judges, honorable mention awards will be presented to noteworthy submissions

Karolina Burt AIA, of the AIANH Education Committee Chair, says “This is a wonderful opportunity for high school students interested in architecture and design. When provided with the proper tools, students are wholly capable of expressing their ideas about their world and about themselves through design. The High School Design Competition Program provides an experience for students to communicate those ideas as well as to increase their understanding of planning and design.”

Students interested in participating should have their teacher or principal register them with the AIA New Hampshire office by September 29, 2009. Final entries will be due April 30, 2010. Complete guidelines are available on the AIANH website, <http://www.aianh.org/lbd.asp>. For more information, contact Carolyn Isaak at 603-357-2863.

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