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### **NH Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Announces Winners of Its High School Design Competition**

**Keene, NH** – The New Hampshire Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIANH) has announced the results of its 2011-2012 High School Design Competition. Awards were distributed at the August 16 AIA New Hampshire Chapter Meeting at the Hampton Beach Sea Shell Pavilion, which included a tour of the newly renovated NH State Park facilities designed by Samyn D’Elia Architects.

The AIANH Design Competition is a program that requires students to work on a theoretical project throughout the school year under the guidance of their instructors. AIANH volunteer architects visit the schools when possible to give critiques before the submissions are due. The program involves a design solution, a three-dimensional model, and a graphic plan of the project.

The AIANH Education Committee created the program for high school students to increase awareness of the relationships between space, human scale and function; gain experience in recognizing the various challenges in planning and designing indoor and outdoor spaces for specific uses; exercise analytical abilities and creativity in solving the problems; and gain experience in communicating planning and design ideas using scale drawings and models. This year’s project was for a Sustainable Youth Education Pavilion for a fictitious America’s Cup to be held in Portsmouth, NH. This highly visible pavilion would serve to tell the stories of the America’s Cup, the history of sailing, and introduce local youth to sailing. The designer(s) were asked to clearly express how their pavilion is distinctive, yet cohesive with the surrounding environment and to create a building that strongly identifies social responsibility and environmental concerns for the Portsmouth Bay Area. Students were given specific building needs and a site plan to work with.

The AIANH High School Design Competition gives students a fun and challenging opportunity to develop their skills and to learn about the various aspects of planning and design. Students could work individually or in teams of two or three. Winners received cash awards to help with their college education.

Winners are:

**Best Design, Overall Superiority, in all aspects of Design Solution, Model, and Graphic Presentation:**

1. Jordan Young, Pinkerton Academy
2. Nicolas Hatch, David Guay, Chad Laroche, Pinkerton Academy
3. Kyle Poodiack, Conval Regional High School

**Best Model describing Design Solution:**

1. Alec Brown, Portsmouth High School
2. Adrienne Weishaar, Pinkerton Academy
3. Brendan Rhoads, Pinkerton Academy

**Best Graphic presentation describing Design Solution:**

1. Brendan Rhoads, Pinkerton Academy
2. Derek DeFranzo, Evean Sage, Pinkerton Academy
3. David Carter, Nashua High School

The jurors were Leslie Thomas AIA, Thomas Bracy Architects PLLC, Randall Walter AIA, Benson Woodworking Co., and Bruce Hamilton AIA, Bruce Roynane Hamilton Architects.

AIANH member volunteers in this program include Scott Vlasak AIA, Bruce Hamilton AIA, Shannon Alther AIA, and Dennis McNeal AIA. Teachers from the participating schools are also to be commended, as this competition requires guidance and support. They are Rolfe Voltaire, Pinkerton Academy; Lenny Harrison, Nashua High School; Karen Fabianski, ConVal Regional High School, Peter Fogg, Winnisquam Regional High School; Steve Jones, Portsmouth High School; and Glenn Wilson, Kingswood Regional High School. Twenty-five entries were received, representing 31 students from six schools.

The 2011-2012 AIANH High School Design Competition results are posted on the AIANH website: [www.aianh.org/education/outreach/high-school-design](http://www.aianh.org/education/outreach/high-school-design). The program is open to all high schools in New Hampshire. For more information on the New Hampshire Chapter contact Carolyn Isaak, Executive Director, 603-357-2863, [office@aianh.org](mailto:office@aianh.org), [www.aianh.org](http://www.aianh.org).

About AIANH: The New Hampshire Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has over 300 architects, associate, and professional affiliate members. Its mission is to illuminate the profession of architecture through advocacy, public outreach, education, fellowship, and recognition of design excellence. Its members work with each other and their communities to create more valuable, healthy, secure, and sustainable buildings and neighborhoods.

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