IIDA ANNOUNCES 2008 STUDENT SUSTAINABLE DESIGN COMPETITION WINNERS

May 9, 2008, Chicago, IL – The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) and The Mohawk Group are pleased to announce the winners of the sixth annual IIDA Student Sustainable Design Competition. The competition was created to celebrate and encourage sustainable design and thinking and to award individuals who demonstrated consistent, creative incorporation and the understanding of sustainable principles.

IIDA received strong submissions from students enrolled in design programs from around the globe. This year IIDA saw more than a 10% increase in international submissions. Of note, submissions came from Singapore, Saudi Arabia and South Africa.

The 2008 Best of Competition winner was Meghan Woodcock, from Savannah College of Art and Design, for her design “Transportable Educational Environments for Disaster Relief.” Woodcock will receive a $1000 scholarship from The Mohawk Group. An Award of Excellence, $500, was given to Byounghwa Choi from the University of Bridgeport for her project, “Smart Apartment.” Honorable Mention, $250, was awarded to Diana Rodriguez, Student IIDA, of Interior Designers Institute for her rendering of “The Hub.” All winners will be featured in the Spring edition of Custom, the IIDA student newsletter, and will also be featured on the website www.iida.org.

Projects were judged by Anita Barnett, FIIDA, Vice President at Gensler, and Steven McCollom, IIDA, AIA, Associate Partner at Gary Lee Partners. The judges highlighted the quality of projects, as well as the innovative ways students incorporated sustainable tactics into their designs.

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“The IIDA Student Sustainable Design Competition helps promote to future designers awareness and knowledge of interior design strategies that reduce negative impacts on our natural environment and improve the health and well being of all people,” said Cheryl Durst, Hon. IIDA, LEED AP, CEO/EVP. “It is important that Students learn early on what materials are most effective when implementing sustainable design solutions and the breadth of entries demonstrate that sustainability is a global concern.”

IIDA would like to extend a special thanks to The Mohawk Group who generously sponsored the scholarships for the 2008 Student Sustainable Design winners.

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