IIDA ANNOUNCES 2006 STUDENT SUSTAINABLE DESIGN COMPETITION WINNERS

May 10, 2006, Chicago, IL – The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is pleased to announce the winners of the fourth annual Student Sustainable Design Competition. The competition was created to celebrate and encourage sustainable design and thinking and awarded individuals who demonstrated consistent, creative incorporation and understanding of sustainable principles.

IIDA Headquarters received submissions from students across the United States and Europe. The Best of Competition winner is Bridget Dunn, Student IIDA, from Florida State University for her project of the Tallahassee Women’s Clinic for underprivileged women. The building was originally a historic church and was retrofitted to become an environmentally sound clinic. In addition to a trip to GreenBuild, Bridget will receive a $750 cash award. An Award of Merit and $500 cash will be given to the first prize winner Olena Baranova, Student IIDA, from The Academy of Art University in San Francisco, CA for her rendering of an eco-efficient art’s center dedicated to saving and restoring the Carmel River. Holly Murdock, Student IIDA, from Utah State University was awarded Honorable Mention for her design of the Farrell Dialysis Treatment Center that addresses the need for a sustainable and holistic environment. All winners will be featured in a future edition of Custom, the IIDA student Newsletter and will be featured on the website www.iida.org.

“The IIDA Student Sustainable Design Competition helps promote to future designers awareness 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, IIDA CEO/EVP. “In its 4th year, we are happy to see a growing number of Interior Design Instructors sharing our concern and incorporating Sustainability into their curricula.”
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