IIDA ANNOUNCES 2005 STUDENT SUSTAINABLE DESIGN COMPETITION WINNERS

May 25, 2005, Chicago, IL – The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is pleased to announce the winners of the third 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 across the United States as well as Canada. The Grand Prize winner was Nicole Kelln from Washington State University for her project entitled “Lux Electronics”, an environmentally sound electronics store. In addition to a trip to GreenBuild, the IIDA Foundation’s Alan Gore Lucas Fund is pleased to provide the winning student with a $750 cash award. First prize, $500 each, was awarded to a team of three from Mount Ida College, Boston, MA, Laura Radebaugh, Lynda Duray, Student IIDA and Joelle Epstein for their rendering of an eco-efficient campus. Raine Heidenberg from Pratt Institute, New York, was awarded Honorable Mention for her design of an HIV Health Care Facility, “The Sanctuary”. All winners will be featured in the Spring 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 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, LEED AP, IIDA CEO/EVP. “We are happy to see a growing number of Interior Design Instructors sharing our concern and incorporating Sustainability into their curricula. It is important that Students learn early on what materials are most effective when implementing Sustainable design solutions.”

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