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Teague Bosticof of Las Vegas, Nevada wins DiscoverDesign.org National High School Architecture Competition

Third and second places awarded to students in Las Vegas and Cupertino, California

Chicago, Ill.—The Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) is pleased to announce the winner of its 2015 DiscoverDesign.org National High School Architecture Competition. Teague Bosticof of Advanced Technologies Academy in Las Vegas took first place out of 141 teens from 11 states and 16 high schools who participated in the design competition. Patricia Evangelista, also a student from Advanced Technologies Academy, was awarded the second place prize, followed by Ahzin Nam from Cupertino High School in Cupertino, California.

This year, students were asked to design, or redesign, an underutilized space in their community to create a pocket park. This project encouraged students to think creatively about their environment and understand how design can activate a space in a way that brings people together. A jury of 25 architects, engineers, designers and university professors from across the country evaluated the entries. The winning projects can be seen at www.discoverdesign.org/competition2015winners.

“The DiscoverDesign.org National High School Architecture Competition connects CAF with some of the brightest young talents taking an active role in the creative thinking process related to architecture and design,” said Lynn Osmond, President and CEO of CAF. “The work we see always exceeds the expectations of our educators and the professionals who serve as mentors and jury members. We are honored to be a part of their learning development and foster the 21st century skills that will guide them through their pursuit of a career in architecture and design.”

CAF is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing public interest and education in architecture. In January 2012, it launched DiscoverDesign.org, a unique web-based learning tool that gives high school students the opportunity to solve real-world design problems. Through project-based learning and social

networking, students are connected with professional architects and engineers, allowing for real peer interaction and professional feedback during every step of their design process.

Bisticof, the competition's first prize winner, explained that holistically and creatively solving the current epidemic of urban sprawl was the issue that his design was meant to address. The Urban Farming Pocket Park does this in several ways. He chose a site located on the edge of the Las Vegas downtown area in a community plagued by poverty, located next to the interstate which naturally creates green-house gases but also noise pollution. The proposed pocket park would help combat this pollution, preserve native plants, reduce suburban sprawl by creating attractive spaces for community cultivation, and help bring attention back to the downtown area. He imagines that a pocket park in this area can help revitalize the surrounding community, bring people back in to the city and out of the suburbs, and result in happier people which results in a healthier city overall.

Teague Bosticof's first place prize includes a two-night trip to Chicago for two with lunch and hotel accommodations; a CAF walking tour and architecture river cruise; visits to several architectural firms; a year-long membership for design software tutorials from Black Spectacles (\$280 value); and a copy of CAF's textbook "The Architecture Handbook: A Student Guide to Understanding Buildings."

DiscoverDesign.org was awarded a 2013 AIA National Honor Award for Collaborative Achievement. The award recognizes the distinguished achievements of organizations, knowledge communities and others who have had a beneficial influence on or advanced the architectural profession. DiscoverDesign.org complements the CAF high school textbook and teacher guide, "The Architecture Handbook: A Student Guide to Understanding Buildings." It is the first high school architecture textbook published in the U.S. Created in partnership with the Chicago Public Schools, educators and students in 48 states and 17 countries currently use the handbook. In 2009, it also earned a national honor award from the AIA.

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The Chicago Architecture Foundation is located at 224 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Current exhibition is *Chicago Model City* featuring a large scale model of Chicago. The Chicago Architecture Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring people to discover why design matters. The Chicago Architecture Foundation pursues this mission through architecture tours, exhibitions, panel discussions and youth and adult education programs. For further information visit www.architecture.org or call 312.922.3432. Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/chicagoarchitecture and Twitter: www.twitter.com/chiarchitecture.