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Cal Poly Architecture Student Receives National Recognition

Cal Poly architecture student John Vierra won first place in the 2009 Bohemian Flats Boathouse Student Design Competition.

The competition was sponsored by the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) in conjunction with The Vinyl Institute.

This year's competition focused on rewarding design excellence at a small-scale, highlighting the unique aspects of designing a boathouse and building knowledge about materials, products and assembly contributing to a sustainable and safe environment. The competition site was The Bohemian Flats, a historic parcel of land on the bank of the Mississippi River in Minneapolis.

Vierra won with the design "Boat on Board." Judges noted the technical exploration as well as the ingenious way of dealing with the river's ebb and flow. It was considered one of the most respectful designs with regards to the site and the river.

Vierra is a senior in Cal Poly's Architecture Department. He was also the first place winner of the 2008 AIAS Student Competition.

Vierra was awarded $2,500 for the top prize. For more information go to *www.aias.org/vinyl*.

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