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Cal Poly Architecture Students Win Design Challenge

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly Architecture students David Lee and Anthony Stahl were awarded the highest honor at the recent 2010 Mock Firms International Skyscraper Challenge: Collegiate Division sponsored by Chicago Architecture Today.

The competition challenged students to conceptualize a residential tall building design for Mexico City. Lee and Stahl’s project, Barrio de los Paracaidistas, translated the traditional Mexican street into an elevated, open-air, high-rise form that redefines the urban condition in Mexico City.

Juror comments noted the “superb craftsmanship, consistent and professional graphics” and high-quality of the team’s cultural research.

As partners in their mock firm, Metous Studio, they managed schedules, ideas and solutions to build a collaborative firm with varied perspectives. Their winning presentation incorporated models and computer renderings and work from a dozen students associated with the mock firm. Professor Marc J. Neveu was their faculty adviser.

In addition to taking the top prize of 2010 Mock Firms Winner, they also placed first in the following categories: Top American Mock Firm, Top Firm Structure, Top Building Project, Top Marketing Firm. They were runners up in the Top Conceptual Platform category.

They competed against more than 30 entries from the United States, Sweden, Spain, Switzerland and Canada.

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