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Cal Poly Architecture Students Receive National Recognition for Designs

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly architecture students Dion Dekker and Cody Williams received national recognition for their projects exploring a variety of issues related to the use of steel in design and construction.

Dekker was awarded third place in a competition sponsored by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) and the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC).

His project, titled “Exoskeleton: Reconfiguring Shipping Container Hotel,” was entered in Category II, or open category, which had 168 total entries. In awarding Dekker’s project, the jury commented that it used “steel shipping containers in a very kinetic manner and highlights the great design potential the material lends to even the most conventional of design challenges.”

Williams received an honorable mention for his design “Project Iris,” also in Category II.

The sponsoring faculty adviser was Tom Fowler.

The ACSA and AISC competition challenges students, working individually or in teams, to explore a variety of issues related to the use of steel in design and construction.

The winning projects will be on display at the ACSA Annual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec, in March of 2011 and at the American Institute of Architects National Convention in New Orleans, La., in May of 2011.

For more information, visit www.acsa-arch.org/competitions.

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