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Month-Long Workshop Brings Architecture to High School Seniors



SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly's College of Architecture and Environmental Design brought 43 high school students from across the state to campus for a month this summer for some hands-on exposure to architecture skills and careers.

The high school students converged on campus for the CAED's Architecture Summer Career Workshop. The four-week in-residence workshop was hosted by the Architecture Department. Students considering architecture as a career received an in-depth view of Cal Poly's program and were able to develop a portfolio through hands-on experience in studio design exercises, lectures, projects and field trips.

Parents and families were able to see their students' completed works; Jamesha Gray (above left) explained her design to her father.

Private support from mentors created full scholarships for six deserving students from across the state. One of those students was Aaron Hernandez. Hernandez (pictured at right, pointing to architectural models) received the workshop's top achievement award based on his work.

Architecture Professor Michael Lucas coordinated the workshop with help from teaching assistants and Architecture Assistant Professor Mark Cabrinha, who will lead next year's summer program.

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