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Cal Poly Architecture Student Earns Top Honor in National Design Competition

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly Architecture student Derick Lee received one of two honors awarded in the annual Green Modular Building Design Competition sponsored by the Modular Building Institute (MBI).

This year's competition included a real-world client, Piedmont Housing Alliance and their low-income, senior housing community, The Meadows, in Crozet, Va. The competition tasked architecture and engineering students at four-year universities with designing a new community center. Entries had to utilize modular construction with sustainable features including the ability to obtain LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification.

Designs were judged on: thermal comfort, indoor air quality, daylighting, acoustics, energy efficiency, resource strategy, architectural excellence and economic practicality.

Lee completed the project in a third-year studio class under the supervision of Professor Margarida Yin. He will receive a crystal trophy at MBI's convention March 28-31 in Las Vegas, Nev.

"Students are submitting innovative, exciting and thoughtful designs for commercial modular buildings. Derick Lee demonstrated the value of what may be the most environmentally responsible form of construction on our planet," said Tom Hardiman, MBI executive director.

About MBI
Founded in 1983, the Modular Building Institute is the only international non-profit trade association serving non-residential modular construction. For more information, visit modular.org.

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