



## American Institute of Architecture Students **NEWS ALERT**

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### **IN A RECORD BREAKING YEAR, 2007 AIAS/ICPF CHAIR AFFAIR COMPETITION FINALISTS AND MERIT WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

This was a record breaking year for the fourth annual AIAS/ICPF Chair Affair Student Design Competition in which students design chairs using nothing but corrugated cardboard and glue. One hundred seventy six entries were submitted by teams or individuals representing 56 universities and colleges across the United States and Canada. The first tier jury has selected finalists and merit winners. The competition is sponsored by the International Corrugated Packaging Foundation (ICPF) and managed by the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS).

The finalists listed below will have their chairs on display and be judged in the second round jury at the 2007 AIA National Convention and Design Exposition in San Antonio in May. Chairs will be exhibited in the AIAS Student Lounge and Gallery at the Convention. These finalists will compete for over \$7,125 worth of prize money. The six finalists are:

Nichollette Chan, Andrew Kim and Jean You – Cornell University

Cem Sinan Kayatekin – Auburn University

Yat-Hei Leung – University of Maryland – College Park

Christina Libetti and M. Boyce Postma – University of Colorado at Boulder

Sara Mikkelsen – University of Florida

Andrew Rudolph and Travis Withers – University of Louisiana at Lafayette

The jury gave four merit awards in the following areas: aesthetics, innovation, construction process and comfort. Each merit winner will receive a certificate and \$50 in prize money. The merit winners are:

#### *Aesthetics*

Anthony Garcia – Mississippi State University

#### *Innovation*

Devin Norton and Park Baker – University of Kansas

#### *Construction Process*

Rosalee Taylor and Melody Rees – University of Arizona

#### *Comfort*

AIP Bozkurt and Javier Coneji – University of Houston

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The Chair Affair program challenges students, working individually or in teams, to explore a variety of uses of corrugated cardboard in design and construction. Participants were required to design a “chair” using only corrugated cardboard and glue. The Chair Affair’s definition of a chair is anything that elevates a user of an undetermined size off the ground comfortably for an extended period of time. The objectives of the competition were to encourage and reward excellence in design that integrates function, aesthetics, structure, ergonomics, details and fun.

The jurors included Patrick Cheek, of Torti Gallas and Partners, Inc.; Mary Fitch, AICP, Executive Director of the Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Architects; Richard Hayes, PhD, RAIC, AIA, Managing Director, Knowledge Resources at the American Institute of Architects; and Trinity Simons, Project Manager at the Mayors’ Institute on City Design.

Entries were received from 56 different schools including:

Academy of Art University	Texas A&M University
Allen Hancock College	Truckee Meadows Community College
Arizona State University	University at Buffalo
Auburn University	University of Arizona
Boston Architectural College	University of Arkansas
Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo	University of California at Berkeley
City College of New York	University of Colorado at Boulder
Clemson University	University of Colorado at Denver
College for Creative Studies	University of Florida
Cornell University	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Cuesta College	University of Houston
Fairmont State University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Florida Atlantic University	University of Kansas
IIT Institute of Design	University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Lawrence Technological University	University of Maryland
McGill University	University of Minnesota
Mississippi State University	University of Missouri - Columbia
Montana State University	University of Nebraska
New York Institute of Technology	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
North Carolina State University	University of Oklahoma
Pennsylvania State University	University of South Florida
Portland State University	University of Texas at Arlington
Rhode Island School of Design	University of Texas at Austin
Ryerson University	University of Toronto
San Antonio College	University of Virginia
Southern Polytechnic State University	Virginia Tech
St Petersburg College	Washington State University
SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry	Western Kentucky University

The AIAS congratulates all the winners and thanks all the competition participants.

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**About the AIAS:**

Headquartered in Washington, DC, the American Institute of Architecture Students was established in 1956 and is an independent, nonprofit, student-run organization. The mission of the AIAS is to promote excellence in architecture education, training and practice; foster an appreciation of architecture and related disciplines; enrich communities in a spirit of collaboration organize students; and combine their efforts to advance the art and science of architecture. The AIAS is comprised of more than 6,500 members at almost 130 chapters around the world.

**About ICPF:**

The International Corrugated Packaging Foundation (ICPF) mission is to generate a stream of increasingly qualified students to enter the corrugated industry, now and into the future. ICPF is dedicated to the continued creation and building of partnerships within the education community, the granting of equipment for curriculum, the expansion of student internships within the industry, and the promotion of corrugated career opportunities for business, accounting, engineering, graphic, design, architecture and tech graduates. ICPF's web site, [www.careersincorrugated.org](http://www.careersincorrugated.org), offers job, internship and resume portals for graduates seeking opportunities in the industry.

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