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Post Falls Student Wins Top Prize in "Best Use of Idaho Wood" Design Contest

MOSCOW – (Nov. 20, 2012) – Three University of Idaho graduate-level architecture students from North Idaho captured top honors in the first-ever "Best Use of Idaho Wood" competition. Daniel Temple of Post Falls, who received a \$500 cash prize and a trophy for his winning design using Idaho wood in creative and innovative ways.

Joe Anderson of Coeur d'Alene captured second place and a check for \$300, and Ryan "Joey" Toews of Hayden took third and received \$200. The contest, sponsored by the Idaho Forest Products Commission and the Idaho chapter of the American Institute of Architects, culminated in an awards ceremony and luncheon on Nov. 12 on the U of I campus. An honorable mention went to Leon Humphreys of Jerome, Idaho.

All 10 students who engaged in the competition are master's level graduate students in architecture at the University of Idaho. Diane Armpriest, UI associate professor of architecture, incorporated the competition as part of the students' comprehensive design projects. "This was an excellent opportunity for students to connect with the natural resources around them and open the possibilities for working with wood products," Armpriest noted. The student's designs for a 2,400-square foot classroom building at the UI Pitkin Nursery are based on an actual project that will showcase Idaho wood products.

Temple said he used a large amount of wood in his design. "Almost everything is made out of wood," he said, including the use of western larch for the flooring.

Anderson, who grew up in Coeur d'Alene and spends a lot of time outdoors, said he tried to integrate a lot of creative features in his design, including recycled wood products, large laminated beams, reusing water runoff for toilets and irrigation, and earthen roofs planted with vegetation. All of those features also helped reach the goal of a sustainable design, he said.

To prepare for designing the building, the students toured the University of Idaho Experimental Forest, the Pitkin Forest Nursery and an Idaho Forest Group sawmill in Grangeville. "We really immersed ourselves," said Armpriest.

Judging the contest were: Ken Gallegos, past president of the Idaho chapter of American Institute of Architects, Steven Rainville, a principle architect with Olson Kundig Architects of Seattle, and Mark Brinkmeyer, chairman of the Idaho Forest Group.

Betty Munis, executive director of the Idaho Forests Products Commission, said the idea behind the competition was to create a dialogue between the people providing the wood and the people using it - architects. Plus she noted it's important to highlight that using locally grown wood products in Idaho-based construction projects is a progressive practice recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council because it saves energy, and reduces transportation costs and carbon footprint to use local materials.

"The whole idea was to enlighten and inspire," Munis said. "The student's designs really confirm our goal. The students know that wood is a resource in their own backyard, and it makes sense to be using this renewable, sustainable material. They won't ever look at a 2x4 the same way."

In addition to the student competition, the Commission also sponsored design awards for professional architects as part of the AIA honor awards. Patano Hafferman Architects of Coeur d'Alene won the commercial division with their design for the Riverstone Office building in Coeur d'Alene. Mark Pynn Architect, LLC of Ketchum, Idaho took top honors in the residential category for the design of a home in Ketchum.

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