Sac State students take top prizes in interior architecture competition

Sacramento State Interior Architecture students took first, second and third place in a national design competition, and a fourth student received honorable mention.

Senior Sarah Garcia received a first-place, $10,000 award in January from the Daltile Interior Design Scholarship sponsored by the Daltile Corp. and the American Society of Interior Designers.

Garcia designed a Nike retail space that could be constructed at Arden Fair mall. “The inspiration for the design was influenced by the Nike brand with the use of Greek architecture and postmodern design,” Garcia says. “Movement and fluidity is also seen throughout the space with the use of the ‘vital sign’ wall pattern.”

A second-place $5,000 scholarship went to Colette Carty for a conceptual design for a Tory Burch clothing shop. A third-place $5,000 scholarship went to Erin Barnum for an Anthropologie store.

Dana Merck received an honorable mention and a $2,500 scholarship.

All the students are from the IntD 173 course, Interior Design Studio III, taught by Professor Jim Kenney. He developed the studio project specifically for his students to compete for this scholarship.

“Having our seniors take top honors in a national student design competition speaks well to the talent, dedication and hard work of our students,” says Kenney. “I must say I’m not surprised at the outcome of the competition. I had every reason to believe we had the talent and the desire to win.”

Garcia, who graduates in May, says the award will help her finish out the semester and cover other educational expenses. “I really appreciate our teacher, Jim Kenney, for introducing our class to the Daltile award. Without him we wouldn’t have entered the competition.”

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