

# CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION

## Press Release

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### 10 finalists announced in third annual national high school architecture competition

***Winner to be announced June 12, wins architectural trip to Chicago***

**Chicago, May 28, 2014**—The Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) has announced 10 finalists in its third annual DiscoverDesign.org National High School Architecture Competition. Representing 29 high schools in 12 states, 219 teens submitted design projects to redesign their school athletic pavilion to promote healthy lifestyles. A jury team of 35 architects, engineers and designers from across the country evaluated the entries. The winner will be announced June 12 and will win a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience Chicago's amazing architectural legacy. All 10 finalist projects can be seen at [DiscoverDesign.org/competition2014](http://DiscoverDesign.org/competition2014).

CAF is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing public interest and education in architecture. In January 2012, it launched DiscoverDesign.org, a unique web-based learning tool that gives high school students the opportunity to solve real-world design problems. Through project-based learning and social networking, students are connected with professional architects and engineers, allowing for real peer interaction and professional feedback during every step of their design process.

"In our third year of the national competition, we are still impressed by the work these teens bring us through the competition." said Laura Stamatkin, CAF coordinator of teen engagement and competition organizer. "Many of the architects participating on the jury could not believe the work was all completed at the high school level. The sophisticated level of design thinking submitted by high school students across the country is inspiring and we're pleased to be a part of their learning process and foster 21st century skills with DiscoverDesign.org."

The final 10 projects will now be judged by a round two jury including the Director of Design at HOK, Vice President at Thornton Tomasetti, an architect with Incite Design Studio and the architect and founder of Black Spectacles.

The winner will be announced on June 12.

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The ten finalists are from: Brooklyn, NY; Las Vegas, NV; Westlake, OH; Cupertino, CA; North Bergen, NJ; Washington, DC; and Dobbs Ferry, NY.

DiscoverDesign.org was awarded a 2013 AIA National Honor Award for Collaborative Achievement. The award recognizes the distinguished achievements of organizations, knowledge communities and others who have had a beneficial influence on or advanced the architectural profession.

DiscoverDesign.org complements the CAF high school textbook and teacher guide, *The Architecture Handbook: A Student Guide to Understanding Buildings*. It is the first high school architecture textbook published in the U.S. Created in partnership with the Chicago Public Schools, educators and students in 48 states and 17 countries currently use the handbook. In 2009, it earned a national honor award from the AIA.

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The Chicago Architecture Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspire people to discover why design matters. The CAF pursues this mission through architecture tours, exhibitions, panel discussions and youth and adult education programs. A permanent exhibition, *Chicago Model City*, includes a highly detailed scale model of Chicago. CAF is located at 224 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ills. 60604. For further information visit [www.architecture.org](http://www.architecture.org) or call 312.922.3432 or become a Facebook fan: [www.facebook.com/chiarchitecture](http://www.facebook.com/chiarchitecture) or follow on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/chiarchitecture](http://www.twitter.com/chiarchitecture).