

# **The American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment (AIA COTE) & Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) Announce the First Annual AIA COTE Top Ten for Students**

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**Washington, D.C. – April 22, 2015** –The American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment (AIA COTE), in partnership with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), would like to announce the recipients of the first annual AIA COTE Top Ten for Students. The competition recognizes ten exceptional studio projects that seamlessly integrate innovative, regenerative strategies within their broader design concepts. The program challenged students to submit projects that use a thoroughly integrated approach to architecture, natural systems, and technology to provide architectural solutions that protect and enhance the environment.

The jury for the AIA COTE Top Ten for Students includes: Nicole Gerou, Associate AIA, Lawrence Technological University & AIA Board Member, Bob Harris, FAIA, Lake | Flato Architects; Alison Kwok, AIA, PhD, University of Oregon; Bill Leddy, FAIA, Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects and Margot McDonald, AIA, California Polytechnic State University.

Listed below are the names of the recipients, their school, the faculty sponsor, and project title. You can get more information and see renderings of these projects here: [www.ACSA-arch.org/2015-COTE-Winners](http://www.ACSA-arch.org/2015-COTE-Winners)

**Gabrielle Steffel**  
**University of Oregon**  
**Faculty Sponsor: Ihab Elzeyadi**  
**Centennial Mills recycled**

**David Berry; Sierra Jensen**  
**University of Tennessee-Knoxville**  
**Faculty Sponsors: William E. Martella, Kevin Stevens**  
**LEAP Collaborative**

**Kyle C. Vansice; Brandon Fettes**  
**Iowa State University**  
**Faculty Sponsors: Ulrike Passe, Kristin Nelson**  
**[Re] Sustaining Old North Saint Louis**

**Matthew Barnett; Zane Espinosa**  
**University of Tennessee-Knoxville**  
**Faculty Sponsors: Kevin Stevens, Paul Bielicki**  
**Urban Market Park + Culinary School**

**Juan Tejedor; Natasha Chamilakis**  
**University of Pennsylvania**  
**Faculty Sponsor: Franca Trubiano**  
**Oscillating Synergy: A Mid-Rise Office Tower on the High Line**

**Stephen Danielson; Benjamin Kruse**  
**Iowa State University**  
**Faculty Sponsors: Ulrike Passe, Kristin Nelson**  
**Old North Bikes: Human Powered Revitalization in Old North St. Louis**

**Elizabeth Yarina**  
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
**Faculty Sponsor: Andrew Scott**  
**Verdant City**

**Robert Larson**  
**University of Oregon**  
**Faculty Sponsor: Ihab Elzeyadi**  
**Innovation Engine**

**Valerie Lynn Sherry; Adam Chamy; Michael Sisson**  
**University of Maryland**  
**Faculty Sponsors: Peter Noonan, Powell Draper**  
**Regenerative Urban Ecology: Fostering a place-based work space**

**Heidi Reburn; Sean Wittmeyer**  
**Iowa State University**  
**Faculty Sponsors: Ulrike Passe, Kristin Nelson**  
**HRR: Harvest, Recycle, Reuse**

The selected projects will be on view at the American Institute of Architects Annual Convention in Atlanta (May 2015) and the 104th ACSA Annual Meeting in Seattle (March 2016). For high resolution renderings please email [mtinder@aia.org](mailto:mtinder@aia.org).

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candidate membership for schools seeking accreditation, and affiliate membership for schools for two-year and international programs. Through these schools, over 5,000 architecture faculty are represented. In addition, over 500 supporting members composed of architecture firms, product associations and individuals add to the breadth of interest and support of ACSA goals. Visit [www.acsa-arch.org](http://www.acsa-arch.org).

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