2019 AISC/ACSA Steel Design Student Competition
Students Awarded Prizes for the Use of Steel in Design and Construction

For Immediate Release:
Washington, D.C., September 18, 2019 – The American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) have selected the winners of the 2019 Steel Design Student Competition. The competition recognizes twelve exceptional projects, in two categories, that explore a variety of design issues related to the use of steel in design and construction.

The ACSA/AISC 2019 Steel Design Student Competition offered architecture students the opportunity to compete in two separate categories. Category I challenged students to design an intermodal transportation center. Students explored ways to design a cohesive transit system that included components such as international, regional, and local train stations, bus terminals, ports, airports and spaceports in a major urban location. Category II was OPEN offering students the opportunity to select a site and building program using steel as the primary material.

The winning projects were chosen by a panel of distinguished jurors, including the following:

Category I: Intermodal Transportation Center
- Seung K. Ra, Oklahoma State University
- Mindy Viamontes, EXP
- Yolande Daniels, Studio SUMO

Category II: OPEN
- Winifred Elysse Newman, Clemson University
- Kevin Alter, University of Texas, Austin

Prize-winning projects will be on view at the 2020 ACSA Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, and the American Institute of Architects 2020 Convention in Los Angeles. Winning students and their faculty will receive prizes totaling $14,000.

Category I: Intermodal Transportation Center

1st Place
*Interlace*
Student: Curt Budd
Faculty Sponsor: Margarida Yin
California Polytechnic State University

2nd Place
*THE TRANS-PIER™: Where Entertainment Meets Travel*
Student: Tatiana Estrina
Faculty Sponsor: Vincent Hui
Ryerson University

3rd Place
*Steel Bones [Coastal] PCH/LAX Transit Center*
Student: Stephanie Green
Faculty Sponsor: Bailey Shugart
Woodbury University

Honorable Mention
*ARCH 2082*
Student: Andrew Swaim
Faculty Sponsor: Margarida Yin
California Polytechnic State University

Honorable Mention
*Interchange*
Student: Scott L’Esperance
Faculty Sponsor: Margarida Yin
California Polytechnic State University

Honorable Mention
*Perpetual Motion*
Student: Alexander Brosh
Faculty Sponsor: Erik Hemingway
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Category II: OPEN

1st Place
*Fluid Knowledge*
Students: Brenton Rahn & Andres Felipe
Faculty Sponsor: David Newton
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

2nd Place
*The Power of Place*
Students: Pimpakarn Rattanathumawat & Botao Sun
Faculty Sponsor: Catherine Wetzel
Illinois Institute of Technology

3rd Place
*Stadio Della Roma*
Student: Christy Yu
Faculty Sponsor: Paolo Sanza
Oklahoma State University

Honorable Mention
*Organic Recurrence: A Lightweight Monocoque System*
Student: Richard Moore
Faculty Sponsor: Daniel Harding
Clemson University

Honorable Mention
*Stadio Della Roma*
Student: Esteban Ley
Faculty Sponsor: Paolo Sanza
Oklahoma State University

Honorable Mention
*The Seattle Water-ing Hall: A Public Waters Research and Education Center*
Student: George Lee
Faculty Sponsor: Boris Srdar
University of Washington
About ACSA
Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1912 to enhance the quality of architectural education. School membership in ACSA has grown from 10 charter schools to more than 200 schools in several membership categories. Through these schools, more than 4,500 architecture faculty are represented in ACSA’s membership. ACSA, unique in its representative role for professional schools of architecture, provides a major forum for ideas on the leading edge of architectural thought. Issues that will affect the architectural profession in the future are being examined today in ACSA member schools.

About AISC
The American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), headquartered in Chicago, is a non-partisan, not-for-profit technical institute and trade association established in 1921 to serve the structural steel design community and construction industry in the United States. AISC’s mission is to make structural steel the material of choice by being the leader in structural-steel-related technical and market-building activities, including: specification and code development, research, education, technical assistance, quality certification, standardization, market development, and advocacy. AISC has a long tradition of service to the steel construction industry providing timely and reliable information.

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