

# Auburn University

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*The Galley House*, a design submission developed by Architecture and Interior Architecture students Mary Win McCarthy, Ashley Clark and Peter McInish, was selected from a pool of over 100 submissions for one of five top prizes in the 2011-2012 The Sustainable Home / Habitat for Humanity Student Design Competition. The School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture (APLA) student team was co-sponsored by APLA Architecture Professors **Justin Miller** and **Robert Sproull, Jr.** In addition to receiving a \$1500 cash prize for the “Best use of Vinyl” award, the team will have their design exhibited the ACSA 101st Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, in March 2013, and at the American Institute of Architects’ National Convention in Denver, CO, in June 2013. The competition was administered by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and The Vinyl Institute.

Courtney Brett, a 2007 graduate of the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture, was named the AIA’s youngest active member by the American Institute of Architects this year. Beginning her college career at Auburn when she was just 16, Brett was recruited by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill in New York out of college. Currently Brett is involved with her own firm, Casburn Brett Architecture, in Daphne, Alabama.

Brandon Block, a May 2012 graduate of the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture, was one of two top winners in the “Live.Work.Learn” student architecture contest announced at the 2012 AIA National Convention in Washington, DC. Sponsored by Boral Bricks, the contest was planned in collaboration with the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) and required students to design a live/work building using brick for 70 percent of the exterior siding. Entries were judged on their excellence in live/work design and creative use of bricks by a panel representing industry leadership in the architecture, brick, and building industries. Block’s winning design was part of his undergraduate comprehensive thesis project developed under the direction of Professor **Behzad Nakhjavan**.

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