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AIA CCC Announces 2010 Design Awards Historic Wineman Hotel Restoration Receives Top Honor

SAN LUIS OBISPO - The American Institute of Architects Central Coast Chapter (AIA CCC) presented their 2010 Design Awards on Saturday, June 26 at the Performing Arts Center San Luis Obispo. The dramatic restoration of the historic Wineman Hotel earned the evening's top honor for CRSA Architecture. A design award and a scholarship were also presented to Cal Poly students.

In the heart of downtown San Luis Obispo and nearly a century old, the three-story Wineman Hotel has been returned to its original 1920's character. Restoration encompassed its interior elements and staircase, a reconstructed entry awning, decks, canopies and extended sidewalks. A highlight of the landmark structure is its original neon sign, which was discovered in a local junkyard and restored to its vintage glory.

The awards jury recognized the project's mixed-use design that created work force housing atop commercial space, increased the use of natural lighting, and through extensive restoration efforts, turned back the clock on changes made to the building's façade over the last several decades. The project is soon to be registered at both the state of California and federal historic registries, and is featured on the cover of the city's historical guidelines handbook.

This year's jury consisted of Anne Fougeron, FAIA, Eric Nulman, AIA, and Pamela Ricci, AICP.

To view photos of the winning projects, visit <http://www.aiacentralcoast.org/a-scholarshipsawards.html>

The six winning projects and firms for 2010 are:



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Award of Honor:

The Historic Wineman Hotel (Historic Preservation) by CRSA Architecture

Awards of Merit:

Music Practice Rooms (Institutional) by DOMU Architecture + Design

The MIX @ Monterey (Un-built Mixed Use) by Garcia Architecture + Design

Citation Awards:

1+1=1 House (Un-built Residential), submitted by M:OME

Secunda Terrace + Garden (Exterior Living Space) by Garcia Architecture + Design

Norris Residence (Interiors) by Garcia Architecture + Design

Student accolades:

Outstanding 5th Year Student Thesis Project:

Transformative Learning, by John Vierra, Cal Poly Architecture Department

2010 AIA CCC Scholarship:

Tara Bonifacio, Cal Poly Architecture Department

The AIA CCC is a chapter of the leading professional organization for architects, emerging professionals and affiliates. With more than 120 members in San Luis Obispo County, activities include design awards, a scholarship and continuing education opportunities. The chapter also co-presents the San Luis Obispo I Madonnari Italian Street Painting Festival with the Children's Creative Project on September 11 and 12.

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