



Deans, Directors, Faculty and Students:

The AIA Central States Region Emerging Professionals Committee invites you to participate in this year's annual **Student Design Competition** on **October 4th- 5th** to be held in conjunction with the 2017 AIA Nebraska Annual Conference in **Omaha, Nebraska** on **October 5th- 6th, 2017**. This annual competition invites teams from the eight accredited Universities in the region to compete in a 12-hour charrette focusing on a design problem within the host city. The competition aims to serve as a connective tissue within our region; engaging architects, aspiring architects, and the broader community.

Each student team will spend the first day visiting the project site, collaborating on a design proposal, and creating presentation materials while hosted at an architecture firm in downtown Omaha. The host firms will provide space to work, food and drinks, as well as the opportunity for students to **engage** directly with design professionals. On the second day, each team will present their work to a jury at the AIA Nebraska Conference. Their work will be displayed at the Conference, where students will also be invited to attend other Conference events. Winning teams will be announced at the AIA Central States Design Awards ceremony, hosted by AIA Nebraska, on the evening of October 5th.

Participation in this competition is a great way for students to **connect** with professionals, directly experience a firm's culture, and **showcase** their talent to the region. In addition to these professional development opportunities, monetary awards will be given for first, second, and third place. To make this a successful competition, we are asking each University to sponsor a team of up to four students plus a faculty member. Please see attached details to aid in planning for this event.

Please confirm if your University plans to participate in this valuable student event by RSVPing to amendez@cannondesign.com by Friday, May 19. The AIA CSR EP Committee is composed of alumni and faculty from the region, and we are looking forward to seeing representation from each school. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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2017 STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION DETAILS

DATE AND LOCATION

October 4th-5th, 2017; Omaha, Nebraska

PRIZES

First Place: \$4000 and the traveling Heartland Trophy

Second Place: \$2500

Third Place: \$1000

Note: Final prize amounts will be based on sponsorship participation.

PARTICIPATION

Invited Schools:

Iowa State University

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

University of Kansas

Kansas State University

Washington University in St. Louis

Drury University

University of Oklahoma

Oklahoma State University

Teams will be comprised of 4 full-time students of any age. One faculty sponsor per team is allowed. Faculty sponsor may be any faculty member – professor, associate professor, adjunct professor, or instructor. The faculty sponsor's role is to provide limited guidance to students throughout the competition. There will be one team per school. Students will be asked to provide their resume and/or portfolio, which will be distributed to sponsoring firms, including host firms.

ENTRY FEE

Entry fee of \$50 per team

TRAVEL AND LODGING

Additional information to be provided to participating teams closer to the fall semester.



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Note: Nebraksa Conference schedule shown below is pending and for preliminary planning purposes. Final schedule will be provided to participating teams closer to the fall semester.

Tuesday, October 3:

8pm-10pm – SDC Charrette Team Social

Wednesday, October 4: STUDENT DESIGN CHARRETTE

7:30am – Student teams and faculty advisors arrive at site for site walk-through and program brief. Site information will be provided closer to competition date.

8:00am – Student teams and faculty advisors arrive at respective firms to begin 12-hour charrette.

12:00pm – Lunch at firms

5:30pm – Dinner at firms

8:00pm – Online submission deadline

Thursday, October 5: NEBRASKA STATE CONFERENCE

8:30am – 11:30am – Team design presentations and jury deliberation.

Afternoon – Conference related tours and keynote speaker

6:30pm – 9:30pm – Student Design Competition winners announced at Awards Celebration.

Friday, October 6: NEBRASKA STATE CONFERENCE

7:00am – 2:00pm – Design + Technology Exhibit

7:00am – 6:00pm – Educational Sessions

At this time, we ask that a simple RSVP be sent to amendez@cannondesign.com from each school confirming participation in this year's competition. We look forward to seeing you in October!