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FIU Student Wins Prestigious Architecture Award

Tallahassee, FL – The Florida Foundation for Architecture (FFA), in conjunction with Florida International University (FIU), recently presented Francisco Waltersdorfer with the Bronze Medal for his outstanding academic distinction in the study of architecture.

Waltersdorfer is a graduating senior with both the highest overall grade point average of his class and the highest design studio grade point average who is making a name for himself in the student architecture world. His design work has received national recognition for his submission in the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture's (ACSA) national student design competition; his master's project was one of three chosen for a scholarship that recognizes the best in masters/thesis work each year; and two of his photographs were donated to the Foundation's 2008 Silent Auction, which was held during the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects' Annual Convention in Palm Beach where one of his photos was purchased.

Every year, the FFA recognizes a student from each of the six public universities that have an architecture college or school. To be eligible for consideration, candidates are required to be graduating seniors with a professional degree or graduate degree in architecture and must be a member of their school's chapter of the American Institute of Architects Students (AIAS).

They must also submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member that includes: a description of any awards, scholarships and other academic recognitions, and the letter must attest to the student's scholastic achievements.

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The Florida Foundation for Architecture is a non-profit organization that exists to advocate the value of architecture to audiences beyond the profession. The Foundation receives funding through the solicitation and expenditure of gifts, grants, and legacies; and also establishes and funds scholarships and educational programs to recognize meritorious work.

The Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects, headquartered in Tallahassee, represents the interests of more than 3,600 members in Florida. Members adhere to a code of ethics and professional conduct that assures the client, the public, and colleagues of an AIA-member architect's dedication to the highest standards in professional practice.