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Waukesha County Native Wins Prestigious Architecture Award

Tallahassee, FL – The Florida Foundation of Architecture (FFA), in conjunction with the University of Miami (Florida), awarded Christopher Glapinski, a 2003 Oconomowoc High School graduate, with the Bronze Medal for his outstanding academic distinction in the study of architecture.

Glapinski earned the award by maintaining a 3.895 grade point average; placing him in the top 10 percent of his graduating class. He graduated this month with a bachelor's of architecture.

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.

Glapinski was an active member of AIAS where he served as president and vice president. He also received numerous awards and recognition during his tenure at the university including, the Henry Adams Medal from National AIA for being the highest ranking graduating student in a professional architecture program; Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges; and AIA Miami's 2005 Architectural Student of the Year.

He is currently completing an internship with Trelles Cabarrocas Architects in Miami and plans to attend graduate school in a few years so he can teach in the future.

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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.