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CWRU Kelvin Smith Library Announces Student Award Recipients

The Kelvin Smith Library (KSL) of Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) is pleased to announce the recipients of the awards for the Student Competition to Redesign the First Floor of the Library. Student teams were asked to generate proposals that envisioned the transformation of KSL into a “vibrant intellectual community center for campus learning and research.” Teams were asked to consider adding, relocating, or eliminating library services, functions, or features. Evaluation criteria included the creativity, cost-effectiveness, practicality, and sustainability.

Three awards were granted by the evaluation panel. The first place award of $2,500 was bestowed upon a team composed of two students who attend CWRU (Jack Brady, majoring in Psychology, Pre-Architecture, and Spanish) and Sam Roberts (Philosophy of Science and in Engineering Physics majors), and two students who attend the Cleveland Institute of Art (Amanda Rush, major in Industrial Design) and Chelsey Finnimore (major in Communications Design).

Sharing second place, two teams each received awards of $1,125:
- Four students from the Case School of Engineering: Chen-Dah Chiang (major in Mechanical Engineering, with a minor in Pre-architecture), Maeve Goede (a major in Civil Engineering), Jennifer Huang (majoring in Civil Engineering), and Richard Pham (a major in Chemical Engineering, with a minor in Biomedical Engineering).
- A student at CWRU, Shuang Chen (major in Psychology, minor in Marketing/Economics), and a student from the Cleveland Institute of Art (Justin Pintabona, major in Illustration).

The ideas generated by the teams now will be blended into a conceptual design to generate potential donor interest in funding the transformation.

Praising the quality of the student submissions, Arnold Hirshon (Associate Provost and University Librarian) said that “we challenged the students with a highly complex and time consuming task. All of the teams exceeded our expectations. They conducted valuable research and generated highly professional proposals and presentations. The evaluators were impressed that the proposals were carefully prepared, cohesive, and persuasive, and that they provided a wealth of creative, thought-provoking, insightful and practical solutions.” Hirshon observed that “it was exciting and rewarding to see such as strong level of student dedication and engagement in this important effort to advance library services, not just for their own benefit but for future generations of students.”

The proposals and associated materials that the students submitted is now available on the KSL web site at [http://library.case.edu/ksl/whoweare/firstfloorredesign/](http://library.case.edu/ksl/whoweare/firstfloorredesign/) The site also includes the original request for proposals (RFP) to which the students responded.

The team proposals were evaluated by the following panel: Richard Bischoff (Vice President, Enrollment Management), Joanne Brown (Director, Architectural Service, Campus Planning and Design), Lev Gonick (Vice President, Information Technology Services), Sarah Gridley (Assistant Professor, English Department), Arnold Hirshon (Associate Provost and University Librarian), Feng-Li Laughlin (PhD Graduate Student in Chemistry and President of the Chinese Student Scholars Association), Elise Lindsay
(Director, International Student Services), Richard Ortmeyer (Principal, Bostwick Design Partnership), Dean Patterson (Associate Vice President for Student Affairs), Charles Rozek (Dean, Graduate Studies), James Sheeler (Professor, English Department), and Lynn Singer (Deputy Provost).

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