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DP sweeps Architecture design competition

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Three Dos Pueblos High School students swept the top spots Saturday at the Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara's annual High School Architectural Design Competition.

Allison Larinan took first place at the event, followed by Rose Hillebrandt in second place, and Annebel van der Meulen in third.

The three juniors beat out 36 competitors from eight different schools and Allison's name will be engraved on the competition trophy that will come home with the Chargers this year.

"It will sit above the football trophy," laughed event organizer David Goldstien.

The competition began March 15 with initial judging at the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School gymnasium.

The students spent seven hours designing a 6200 square foot children's museum inspired by the MOXI children's museum under construction in Santa Barbara.

Competitors used spaces, walls, ramps, roofs, and other architectural designs to create a multi-sensory educational experience.

Drawings were awarded points for presentation and how well the student solved the design problem.

Local architects Cassandra Ensberg, Tom Jacobs, and Duffy Smith judged the designs and selected twelve finalists who were given four days to prepare a four-minute presentation Saturday morning.

During their final presentations, the top 12 competitors pointed out important features in their designs and fielded questions during a question and answer period from a jury that included architects, architectural educators, and MOXI CEO Steve Hinkley.

The jury then made comments and scored the finalists.

"It reminds me of my design exam for my architect's license years ago," said Mr. Hinkley

"Some of the ideas presented by these students are under construction right now at

MOXI."

The twelve finalists won a combined \$1200 in prize money donated by the Architectural Foundation.

After the top three winners, Laguna Blanca ninth grade Sullivan Israel and and Kristoffer Camargo, a senior from Dunn School, won honorable mentions.

"Each finalist presented their project with confidence and poise," said Mr. Goldstien.

"It was like they discussed their work with design professionals every day.

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SB County High School Architectural Design Competition Finalists (left to right): Yuyang Fu, 10th grade, Dunn School; Pica Zhuang, 12th grade, Anacapa; Kris Camargo, 12th grade, Dunn (Honorable Mention); Rose Hillebrandt, 11th grade, Dos Pueblos (Second Place); Chloe Stevens, 11th grade, San Marcos; Allison Larinan, 11th grade, Dos Pueblos (First Place); Sullivan Israel, 9th grade, Laguna Blanca (Honorable Mention); Frank Chang, 10th grade, Santa Ynez; Nick Sabatini, 11th grade, Dunn; Anna Nesterenko, 10th grade, Anacapa Hidden; Vivian Zhan, 10th grade, Dunn. At right is competition organizer David Goldstien.

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