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Finalists in the High School Architectural Design Competition from left, Yuyang Fu, Pica Zhuang, Kris Camargo, Rose Hillebrandt, Chloe Stevens, Allison Larinan, Sullivan Israel, Frank Chang, Nick Sabatini, Anna Nesterenko, Vivian Zhan, with organizer David Goldstien.

Valley students compete as design finalists

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Four Santa Ynez Valley students were among the finalists who competed in the Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara's annual High School Architectural Design Competition.

The competition required students to design a hypothetical

6,200 square foot children's museum. Competitors had to design spaces, walls, ramps, roofs, and other architectural features using pencil, paper, t-square and triangles, drawing a site plan, floor plan, elevation, and sketch or diagram of a building.

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Thirty-nine high school students from eight different schools throughout the county entered the competition that was held at Santa Ynez Valley Union High School on March 15. A juried review of the finalists' work was held at Santa Ynez Valley Presbyterian Church on March 19.

Allison Larinan from Dos Pueblos High School in Goleta took first place. Second and third place also went to Dos Pueblos students.

Kristoffer Camargo, a

senior at Dunn School, won Honorable Mention. Other Valley finalists were Nick Sabatini, Vivian Zhan, and Yuyang Fu, all from Dunn, and Frank Chang, a student at Santa Ynez Valley Union High School.

David and Linda Goldstien have run the High School Architectural Design Competition for 25 years, with the assistance of Valley businessman Greg Pensa and others from the Santa Ynez Valley Rotary.

The 12 finalists won a total of \$1,200 in prize money donated by the Architectural Foundation.

"Dos Pueblos and other schools used to have

drafting classes, and they would send a busload of kids to compete. Now the students come on their own," noted Linda Goldstien. Santa Ynez Valley Union High School is the exception. "It still has a drafting class and it sends the largest contingent of competitors to the event."

Said Steve Hinkley, CEO of Moxi, the new children's museum under construction in Santa Barbara, "This event is the sort of moment that kids remember. It's a kind of event that can set a kid on their way."

For more information about the Architectural Foundation, visit www.afsb.org.