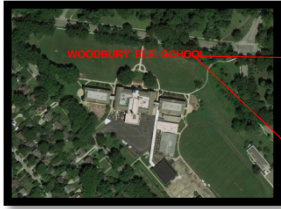




'dreamARCHITECTURE'



'dreamPLAZA' Design Contest

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...how does our profession, especially our local AIA Chapter embrace this national moment and become the agents of change for a more equitable society that Whitney Young, Jr. so passionately challenged us to become- over fifty years ago...?

We've begun by spearheading an initiative celebrated as 'dreamARCHITECTURE'. It is an art/architecture contest- while also having curriculum goals. Our theme for the past school year was "dreamSCHOOL", by which the students were given the opportunity to design their very own school or educational space. Our goal was to creatively introduce school children to the profession of architecture in a hands-on and thoughtful way, by developing and nurturing a professional partnership with the Shaker Heights School District. Our selection of Shaker Heights was intentional given the diversity of its student body and my personal goal of introducing our beloved profession to underrepresented and marginalized ethnicities.

The impact of COVID-19 almost derailed our plans; however, we creatively were able to salvage the initiative, albeit truncated in scope. We pivoted and exclusively focused on the Woodbury Elementary School's 'dreamPLAZA'- which is a student-led, outdoor space design project.

Design Criteria is as follows:

Programmatic Considerations

Seating for 60 Students
Sustainability
Off-Grid Charging Devices
A Mosaic Feature
Shaded Area

Demonstrated Technical Skills

Details
Color
Craftsmanship

Design Considerations

Texture
Space
Pattern
Geometry
Light
Rhythm

Approximately 800 STUDENTS RESPONDED with visionary design ideas . Our committee determined the finalists and selected FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PLACE winners for both the Fifth and Sixth Grades, as well as an Overall Winner.

We wanted to share the students work, at this time, as we prepare a singular design concept and detailed plans incorporating themes from ALL of the winning submissions in order for the 'dreamPLAZA' to actually GET BUILT.



OVERALL WINNER



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WINNING SUBMISSIONS

FIFTH GRADE

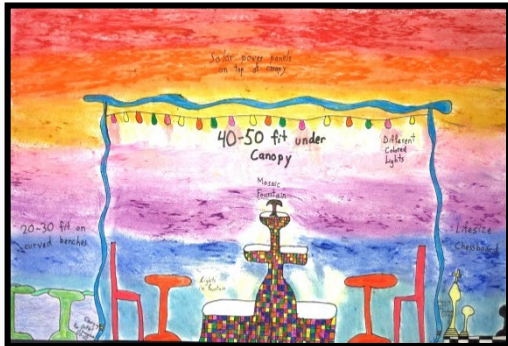


FIRST PLACE

SIXTH GRADE



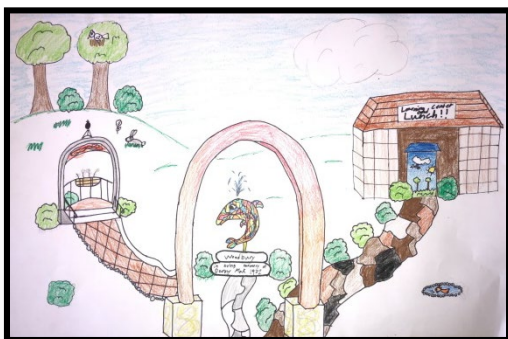
FIRST PLACE



SECOND PLACE



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THIRD PLACE



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