

Architects gain national recognition for design of experimental school

Two architecture students at Rice University won second place in a national contest to design an experimental elementary school building.

Luis Gomez and Jose Medina, both graduate students from Chile, entered as a team in a design competition sponsored jointly by the Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation and the National Institute for Architectural Education.

The design problem was to provide environmental control of light, heat and noise in trimester schools in an urban location.

The award-winning design of the Rice students showed a compact three-story arrangement of classrooms which featured reflected ceiling light. Announcing the award, a distinguished jury of educators and architects said the entry "... had an overall totality of spirit and fun which were highly commended. The entire realization was achieved with great skill and imagination."