George Washington University Student Earns Internship and Academic Scholarship

NEW YORK — Gensler, a leading global architecture, design, planning, and strategic consulting firm, announced the winner of the 2010 Gensler Brinkmann Scholarship competition at Contract magazine's 31st Annual Interiors Awards Breakfast in New York City today. Stephen Ramos, a student in the Interior Design program at The George Washington University, received the academic scholarship and a summer 2010 internship with Gensler in the Washington, D.C. office.

“It is imperative to encourage the professional development of young talent in the industry, and we are proud to support the next generation of architects and designers through our annual Brinkmann scholarship program,” says Robin Klehr Avia, managing principal in Gensler’s New York office.

Ramos' submission was chosen from a myriad of applications received from top colleges and universities across the nation. His winning project, titled “LOL: A Txting Lounge,” showcases an in-depth analysis of a selected piece of furniture. Asked to deconstruct an object and incorporate the basic elements of it to create a space, Ramos used Eero Saarinen’s Womb Chair and developed a texting lounge to be placed in an airport terminal setting.

“As Gensler’s work integrates a broad spectrum of expertise, I look forward to this wonderful opportunity to broaden my vision and integrate my own, engineering, graphic and interior design skill sets,” says Ramos.

The Gensler Brinkmann Scholarship Fund was established in 1999 as a memorial to Donald G. Brinkmann, a gifted interior designer, inspirational leader and former partner at Gensler. The scholarship fund celebrates Brinkmann’s career-long commitment to nurturing new design talent by presenting outstanding interior design students with an internship and a financial award to be applied to their final year of school. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the scholarship competition. Candidates for the scholarship must attend a CIDA-accredited school and are evaluated based upon their analysis and problem solving skills, design development, graphic presentation, communication skills and passion.

About Gensler
Gensler is a global design, planning, and strategic consulting firm networked across 33 locations on five continents. Consistently ranked by U.S. and international industry surveys as the leading architecture and interior design firm, Gensler leverages its deep resources and diverse expertise to develop design solutions for industries across the globe. Since 1965, Gensler has collaborated with clients to create environments that enhance organizational performance, achieve measurable business goals, enrich people and communities, and enhance everyday experiences. For its longstanding commitment to the advancement of sustainable design, Gensler received the Leadership Award from the U.S. Green Building Council in 2005.