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Triton College Student Bea Lizette Narvasa Won Third Place in the National Design Competition sponsored by the Coalition of Community College Architecture Program (CCCAP)



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RIVER GROVE, III. – Triton College student Bea Lizette Narvasa of Schiller Park won third place in the National Design Competition sponsored by the Coalition of Community College Architecture Program (CCCAP). Narvasa was awarded a monetary gift of \$600.

The theme for the 2023 CCCAP Student Design Competition was dialogue, conversation and intellectual exchange of ideas.

Narvasa had to design a university setting where people could conduct campus-related dialogues, formal presentations, structured conversations, political discussions, casual instructed events, casual conversations and art exhibits.

The design also had to include an outdoor contemplative meditation garden/plaza and gathering spaces. Narvasa had to encompass forms, spaces and arrangements for furnishings that would encourage people to conduct dialogue.

"My design drew inspiration from the shape of a circle, fostering spaces that promote civil discourse and democracy," said Narvasa. "It aimed to maximize comfort and accommodate diverse learning styles, whether individuals prefer studying alone, in small groups or participating in large gatherings."

The main spaces within the center of the design are housed in three separate buildings interconnected by exterior corridors, emphasizing continuity, Narvasa explained. The landscape design also reflects this principle, maintaining a sense of unity.

Narvasa noted that she entered the competition based on a semester-long project that was assigned to her in her Design III class.

"The final project in my Design III class involved participating in the CCCAP student competition," she said. "The design process took an entire semester."

Narvasa graduated from Triton College in May 2023. In the fall, she hopes to attend the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) and plans on majoring in architecture.

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