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AIAS AND KAWNEER ANNOUNCE NATIONAL STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION WINNERS

***Architecture Stars of Tomorrow Design State-of-the-Art Facilities
with Thermal Performance in Mind***

February 12, 2008 – The American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) and Kawneer Company, Inc., announce the winners of the second annual national student design competition. The competition, which was sponsored by Kawneer and administered by AIAS, challenged students to design a pediatric outpatient rehabilitation center and family support facility using architectural aluminum building products and systems. The University of Kentucky's Danny Ruberg took home first place and \$2,500 for his innovative and efficient design.

Participants were required to select a site located in an area of the United States that experiences extremes in temperature (both hot and cold), and then design a facility utilizing sustainable and universal design principles. Competition objectives included developing knowledge about materials, products and installation. Submissions were evaluated based on ingenuity and originality, as well as appropriate use of thermal products and design clarity.

Three winning designs and three honorable mentions were selected by the competition's jury. The winning projects will be exhibited in the AIAS Student Lounge and Gallery at the 2008 AIA National Convention and Design Exposition in Boston, May 15-17, 2008, and will be published in the Spring 2008 issue of *Crit, the Journal of the AIAS*. In addition to the prize money awarded to the individual winners, the AIAS chapter at each school will also receive a cash grant.

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The prizes were awarded as follows:

Danny Ruberg – University of Kentucky

First Prize (\$2500)

An articulate, elegant solution to the design challenge, Ruberg's project showed a good use of green space and architectural aluminum products (by Kawneer). The building's well-devised floor plan created an easy, uncomplicated traffic flow, while separating the functions of the center appropriately.

Rachel Glabe – Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo

Second Prize (\$1500)

Set in a challenging urban city, this creative project featured a whimsical facility that was playful without being "kitschy." In addition, the housing was utilized above street level, making the most of the site and the opportunities.

Michael Hartke, Jonathan Rynish & Joshua Forseth – University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Third Place (\$750)

Demonstrating a creative use of the Kawneer thermal products, this project's site and location were well planned and considered. Functional areas were well separated within the facility, and there was a nice integration of the land and the building. The influence of nature on the building was also evident.

The jury awarded Honorable Mentions (\$500) to the following: Jonathan C.T. Garland (Boston Architectural College), Tyler A. Polich (University of Oregon) and Ho Lee (University of Oregon).

Winning projects can be viewed on the AIAS Web site at www.ias.org/kawneer. For more information on AIAS, please visit www.ias.org. For more information on Kawneer, please visit www.kawneer.com.

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About the AIAS:

Headquartered in Washington, DC, the American Institute of Architecture Students was established in 1956 and is an independent, nonprofit, student-run organization. The mission of the AIAS is to promote excellence in architecture education, training and practice; foster an appreciation of architecture and related disciplines; enrich communities in a spirit of collaboration organize students; and combine their efforts to advance the art and science of architecture. The AIAS is comprised of more than 6,000 members at almost 130 chapters around the world.

About Kawneer:

With more than 100 years of innovation and experience, Kawneer North America is headquartered in Norcross, GA, and is the leading manufacturer of architectural aluminum products and systems for the commercial construction industry. Kawneer is part of Alcoa's global Building and Construction Systems (BCS) business unit headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. Alcoa BCS manufactures and markets architectural systems and products in North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Alcoa is the world's leading producer and manager of primary aluminum, fabricated aluminum, and alumina facilities, and is active in all major aspects of the industry. For more information on Kawneer or its products, please visit www.kawneer.com.