



## Texas Students Help Design Iconic High Speed Train Stations

- **Architecture students from UT, UT-Arlington and Prairie View A&M take top prizes in statewide design competition for passenger stations of the future**
- **Students presented their creative vision for Dallas, Houston and Brazos Valley passenger stations with Texas-centric designs**
- **Concepts included state-of-the-art designs with sustainability components to accommodate passengers seamlessly connecting with modes of transportation**

DALLAS [Nov. 30, 2016] – Texas Central, the private developer of the Texas bullet train, announced winners today of the design competition for Texas architecture students to help produce an inspiring vision for the high-speed train passenger stations. Entries were based on creative vision, technical accuracy, quality of submittal materials and overall presentation.

Students and multi-disciplinary student teams in a Texas college or university-level program in architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, architectural engineering or transportation were invited to participate. They were encouraged to be inventive in submitting their vision for the future of transportation in Texas.

“We were energized by the students’ creativity and excitement building the stations of the future,” said Holly Reed, managing director of external affairs for Texas Central, the private company developing the project. “Students from across the state showed their innovative ideas and vision for the proposed stations in Dallas, Houston and the Brazos Valley.”

Students not only were asked to submit a creative vision that included technical elements of the station, but also were encouraged to provide innovative ways to use alternative building materials to create a more viable structure.

Reed said that included the use of natural Texas fiber and wood, along with a strong embrace of sustainability in the design of the stations, which are expected to be a catalyst for economic development.

After reviewing students’ submitted materials and overall presentation, the Texas Central Student Design Competition Committee and its judges named the winners in the following categories:

- **High Speed Rail Station Design Award:** Julia Green, University of Texas at Arlington, Dallas station design.

- **Urban Planning Award:** Dana Moore, Nathan Chen, UJ Song, Hannah Williams and Alex Davila, University of Texas at Austin, Dallas station design.
- **Sustainability Award:** Ledell Thomas and Kaylah Wesley, Prairie View A&M, Brazos Valley station design.

“The winners of this competition displayed truly innovative ideas, design creativity and an emphasis on sustainability — principles upon which the Texas Bullet Train project will be built,” Texas Central CEO Tim Keith said.

Four students received honorable mentions:

- Isaac Watson, Roderick Henderson and Nadia Gooding, Prairie View A&M, Brazos Valley station design.
- Kiana Karimi, University of Houston, Houston station design.
- Rachel Roberts, University of Houston, Houston station design.
- Adrian de Leon, University of Texas at Arlington, Dallas station design.

The competition drew 45 proposals, representing almost 100 Texas architecture students. Thirteen finalists made presentations Nov. 18 in Dallas to the judges: Kristian Teleki of Matthews Southwest; Lisa Lamkin of BRW Architects; Andrew Hawkins of Hawkins Architecture; Ralph Hawkins of HKS; and Don Gatzke, former dean of the University of Texas at Arlington’s Architecture College.

Each of the winning teams will receive \$5,000 for their school and \$2,000 to be split among team members.

The students’ initial design proposals included:

- A vision statement.
- Station concepts, with considerations for programming, urban connectivity, use of local materials, environmental sustainability and customer focus.
- Posters expressing the students’ vision.
- Five to 10 conceptual design drawings.

To access the presentations, go to <http://www.texascentral.com/station-competition/>

#### **ABOUT TEXAS CENTRAL**

Texas Central is developing a new high-speed train that will connect North Texas, the Brazos Valley and Houston, using proven, world-class technology. The 90-minute trip will provide a safe, reliable, affordable and productive transportation alternative. The company’s market-led approach is backed by private investors, not government grants, a new business model for infrastructure projects. Texas Central and its affiliated entities will be responsible for the system’s design, finance, construction, operation and maintenance.

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