



DELGADO ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM WINS NATIONAL FIRST PLACE AWARD

At the 2009 National Association of Home Builders/International Builders Show (NAHB/IBS) in Las Vegas, Nev., Delgado's Architectural/Design Construction Technology students were honored with the First Place National Award for Outstanding Student Chapter Program of the Year.

The team's winning entry, a 206-page portfolio detailing the chapter's 2008 academic year activities, was judged on community activities, campus activities, chapter activities and fundraising activities. The students who compiled the portfolio are Sydney Brazile, Roger Dey, Kendra Harrison, Mario Farciert, Jay A.E. Jaquet, Michelle Martin, Tony Muller, Ruby Nguyen, Bryan Raymond, Kyron Thompson, Phong Tran and Valerie Vaughn.

Delgado has consistently placed in the top three in past year's national student chapter awards (third in 2004 and 2006, second in 2007), but 2009 marked the first ever first place award.

More than 55 universities and colleges and 1,000 students attended the NAHB/IBS, the largest residential design and construction convention in the world.

The Delgado Architecture students and P. Victor Mirzai, faculty advisor/coach/program director, were presented with a first place plaque and check for \$2,500 at an awards ceremony at Caesar's Palace on Jan. 20.

In addition, five students –Martin, Brazile, Raymond, Tran and Dey – received a \$1,750 scholarship from the Home Builders Institute/National Housing Endowment to attend the show's educational events and participate in a Residential Construction Management Project oral presentation to the National Construction Jury panel of experts. The Home Builders Association of Greater New Orleans also matched \$1,000 to support the students' presentation and participation in the awards ceremony.

Delgado Architecture students will be honored once again for their 2009 First Place National Award as Outstanding Student Chapter during the Home Builders Association membership meeting at the New Orleans Home and Garden Show in the Louisiana Superdome the evening of March 25.



Delgado's Architecture/Design Construction Technology students accept the national first place award for Outstanding Student Chapter of the Year at the 2009 National Association of Home Builders/International Builders Show in Las Vegas, Nevada. Flanked by members of the National Association of Home Builders are pictured, left to right: Peter Young, Home Builders Association of Greater New Orleans; Valerie Vaughan, Michelle Martin, Sydney Brazile, Ruby Nguyen, Professor P. Victor Mirzai, Jay A.E. Jaquet, Kyrton Thompson; Bryan Raymond; Tony Muller; Phang Tran and Roger Dey.