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Hixson Gives Back

*--Continues to Empower Local Youth through
Partnership in Education with St. Francis deSales School--*

(CINCINNATI; March 2, 2010) – What does it take to design a building? What kind of background do you have to have to work as an interior designer? Last week, students from St. Francis deSales School in Walnut Hills answered these questions and more as they spent a morning shadowing engineers, architects, interior designers and other support staff at Hixson Architecture, Engineering, Interiors.

Each student met with an assigned Hixson associate for and then rotated to a new station. More than 14 Hixson associates, representing many of the firm's 16 in-house, integrated disciplines, participated in the event. At the end of the session, both the students and Hixson associates enjoyed lunch together.

The week also marked the culmination of a two-month long effort between Hixson and students on another project: 2010 Architecture by Children, sponsored by the Cincinnati chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati. Architecture by Children provides an opportunity for students in grades K-12 to participate in a closer examination of architecture by constructing a response to a specific design problem. The theme of this year's event was "adaptive reuse."

For two months, St. Francis deSales seventh graders, guided by a Hixson volunteer, worked in teams to develop design solutions. Ultimately, each group presented their project to an assembly of teachers and students from St. Francis deSales, as well as parents and administrators. A panel of judges from Hixson evaluated the projects and selected three for display at the citywide Architecture by Children celebration show to be held at the Cincinnati Museum Center March 1-6.

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Hixson's affiliation with St. Francis deSales is part of Hixson's commitment to the local community and to improving educational opportunities for area youth. Since 1991, the firm has sponsored the Hixson Teacher of the Year Award, which is presented to a current teacher of a Hixson associate's child or grandchild. Developed as a way to improve the communities in which Hixson associates live and work, approximately \$100,000 has been awarded by Hixson to Greater Cincinnati teachers since the program's inception. Furthermore, the program's operations and information are available to any other company which would like to institute a similar educational awards program. Interested companies should contact Jenny Cox at 513-241-1230 for more information.

Job Shadowing Day Images



Environmental Health & Safety Sr. Project Engineer Joe Weisgerber works with student Jaylan Winters.

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St. Francis students Dave' McCoy and Bianca Pope learn about the interior design decision-making process with Hixson's Tricia Bruns and Roselia Harris.



Hixson's Animation and Illustration Designer Mandell Roseman gives Dearis Brock a lesson in design.

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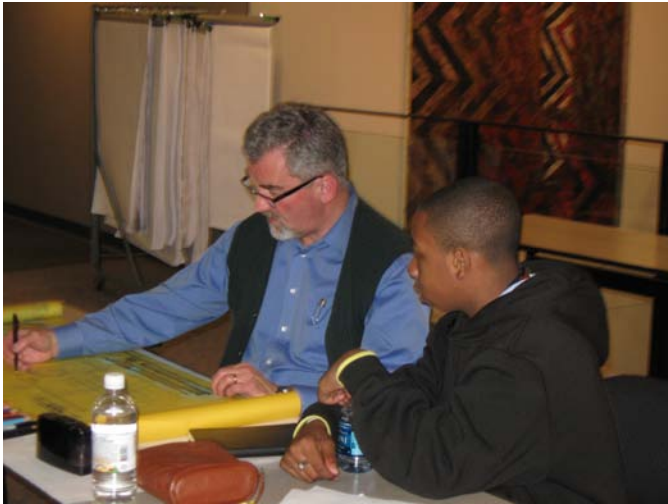
Mikayla Davis dives into what makes a great website with Hixson Web Administrator Christina Meyer.



Tori Livingston learns that Cost Estimating is a difficult but important part of the construction process from Hixson Cost Estimator Barbara Rayford.

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Senior Architect of Design and Illustration Helmut Kientz, R.A., discusses building design with St. Francis student I'saiah Barnes.



Briana Bowie learns about Mechanical Engineering from Hixson's Dave Hildebrandt.

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Architecture By Children Images...



Hixson's Matthew Spangler leads St. Francis deSales students as they present their Architecture By Children projects to their classmates.

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St. Francis deSales students check out all the Architecture By Children projects developed for this year's competition.

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