

LOCAL DESIGN/BUILD FIRM GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Satisfying, heartwarming, and rewarding. These are the words Andrew Poticha and Michael Menn, AIA, use to describe how they feel about giving back to a community they have served for more than 10 years.

Poticha and Menn are partners in Design Construction Concepts, Ltd., a full-service design/build firm based in Northbrook that specializes in high-end remodeling and renovation projects.

According to Poticha and Menn, one of their most satisfying efforts to date has been the merit-based scholarship, now in its third year.

“Each year, we forward applications to area high school teachers who, in turn, recommend students interested in the architectural field. The students then submit essays that Mike and I review,” said Poticha.

This year’s winners included students from Glenbrook North High School, Deerfield High School and Highland Park High School.

Darren Poon, a senior at Glenbrook North, Poticha’s alma mater, will use his scholarship money to attend Ohio State University in the fall. From Deerfield High School, Noah Pettit will attend the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Christina Filipi from Highland Park High School will attend Duke University. All will use their scholarship money to help pay the way.

“Andy and I feel these scholarships are the best way to give back to the community,” said Menn. “Helping the next generation of architects is very rewarding and something we enjoy immensely.”

The award program is one of several community projects Poticha and Menn hold near and dear to their hearts.

In March, Poticha spoke on the subject of remodeling, architecture and design at Wood Oaks Junior High School in Northbrook during the school’s Career Day

“We have participated in Career Days for the past nine years,” said Poticha. “This year I had a great time and I even received thank you notes from the class. It was very heartwarming.”

Interested students even prompted Menn to shadow him for a day, providing the opportunity to see what really happens on an average day at Design Construction Concepts.

“I was able to show them the good, bad, or otherwise of a typical day,” said Menn.

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