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The fourth annual State Finals of the North Carolina Sustainable Building Design Competition will be held Saturday, April 24th at the new EPA campus in Research Triangle Park. Student teams from North Carolina's community colleges and universities will compete for first, second, and third place, as well as three honorable mentions. An illustrious panel of judges will juror the event. EPA facilities will be open to pre-registered guests from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Student presentations will be open for viewing beginning at 2:00 pm, and the awards ceremony is scheduled to start at 3:15 pm.

The mission of the North Carolina Sustainable Building Design Competition is to impact design and building related curriculum toward greater emphasis on sustainability and to increase the ranks of sustainable designers and builders among emerging practitioners. The underlying purpose is to redress negative impacts of the building industry on environmental quality.

University and community college students from across the state respond to a site-specific design challenge, rotating each year through one of four geographic zones in North Carolina – coast, coastal plains, piedmont and mountains. This year's site is located in the mountain region, in Asheville, and will cycle back to the coast next year. Students, working in interdisciplinary and intercollegiate teams, apply sustainable technology, materials, and approaches to building design leading to a healthier, more vital planet.

If you would like to attend the State Finals on April 24, you must contact Tracey Brown at the phone number or email address above for inclusion on the guest list no later than April 17th. An advance guest list is required because of security controls at the EPA facilities. Also contact Tracey for leads on local angles at any of the participating schools listed below. Visit the competition website at <http://www.sustainabledesigncompetition.org> for further information.

Participating Schools

Appalachian State University
Cape Fear Community College
Coastal Carolina Community College
College of the Albemarle
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North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
North Carolina State University
Pitt Community College
University of North Carolina at Greensboro

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