

Second Prize

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Jury Comments

The idea that an addition to a spectacular civic building can create a new place for learning is clear in this scheme that allows for the library to become a campus. This campus is also successful in providing opportunities to link it back to the town center.

- Sherida Paulsen

Exceptional visual communications, blending primitive massings with a delicate stone wrapper; I really appreciated the opening towards the residential neighborhood and the green landscape beyond.

-Gretchen J. Von Grossmann

Although many of the 100+ entries proposed the creation of some kind of courtyard in the rear of the site, this was by far the most successful; the geometry of the courtyard allows for a sense of enclosure while also establishing a connection with and views out to the green space behind. Wrapping the evocative volumes of the addition in a stone "skin" was also a clever and beautiful play on the Richardsonian legacy. We also appreciated the use of landscaping to create an entrance that slips in behind the building. The renderings for this scheme were some of the most striking and accomplished that we saw all day.

-Amanda Lawrence