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Graduate Students Compete in National HUD Competition to Design Affordable Housing Development for SAHA

WHAT:

Four graduate-degree program students are going head-to-head in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Innovation in Affordable Housing student design and planning competition held in San Antonio this year to redevelop the Rex site at Brooklyn and N. St. Mary's St for the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA).

The four teams are in San Antonio to do a site visit, understand the HUD competition objectives, and ultimately offer an innovative design for SAHA's new development, a 100 mixed-income project along the River Walk. It will contain commercial mixed-use space and amenities on 2.58 acres.

HUD Policy Development and Research (PD&R) outlines the competition objectives, and SAHA describes the needs of the community and the objective of the project.

Each year, the competition challenges students to advance the design and production of livable and sustainable housing for low- and moderate-income people through innovative ideas and solutions.

The final winners will be announced in Washington, DC, in April. The first place team will be awarded \$20,000.

WHO:

The San Antonio Housing Authority and HUD PD&R

Interviewees:

David Nisivoccia, *President & CEO, SAHA*
Timothy Alcott, *Real Estate and Legal Services Officer, SAHA*
Regina Gray, *Social Science Analyst, HUD PD&R*

WHEN:

1:30 p.m. | Wednesday, March 6, 2019

WHERE:

San Antonio Housing Authority
818 S. Flores St.

VISUALS:

9:30 a.m.
Team Introductions (Location: SAHA)



10 a.m.

Review of Design Program Requirements (Location: SAHA)

1:30 p.m.

Walking tour of SAHA Site and Building (Location: Rex site at Brooklyn and N. St. Mary's St)

2:30 p.m.

(Location: Board bus at Rex site at Brooklyn and N. St. Mary's St)

Driving tour of neighborhood

Students visit newly constructed units

Students meet resident services and maintenance teams

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