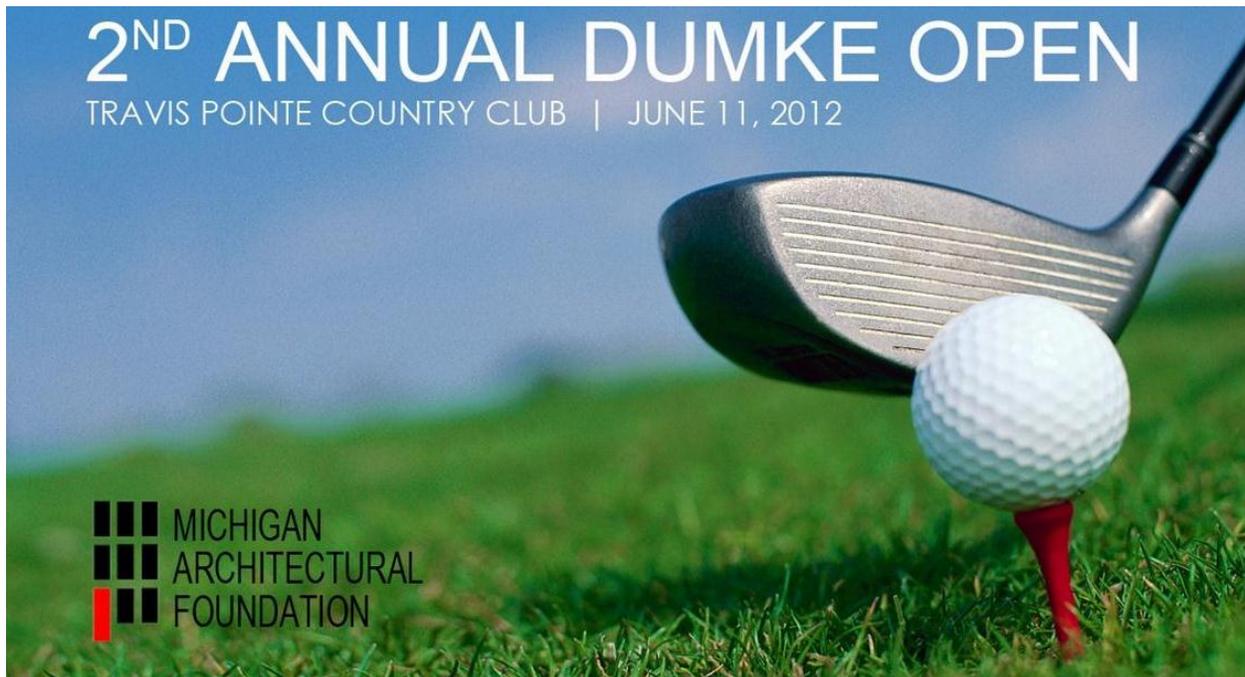


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Michigan Architectural Foundation Awards Scholarships!

The MAF awarded six scholarships to five students who are completing their Bachelor Degree program and who have been accepted to or are currently enrolled in a professional program leading to a Master of Architecture degree in Michigan:

- Danielle McDonough, University of Michigan
- Nathan Mattson, University of Michigan
- Peggy DeVos, Lawrence Technological University
- Elizabeth Friedlander, University of Michigan
- Daniel Kobran, University of Michigan

Funds have been raised from many activities and sources over many years to underwrite these scholarships, and the six awards have been named for the primary donors and/or supporters.

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Featured Architecture: Detroit Central City Community Mental Health, Inc. Wins Coveted Historic Preservation Award



Detroit Central City Community Mental Health, Inc. (DCC) announced that it has been selected as a winner of the 2012 Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) Building Award for restoration of a 1945 Standard Oil gas station on agency property. The project, located at 3169 Woodward Ave. in Midtown Detroit, involved a series of grants and brownfield credits as part of an intricate \$300K funding package, and strict adherence to originality as mandated by the neighborhood's historic designation.

After plans for raising the structure and building a multi-story office and retail space were overruled, DCC was able to re-configure its approach and move in another direction. The result is a unique rental property that will provide the non-profit with a predictable stream of income.

The MHPN Awards began in 1992 and are presented at the annual MHPN Conference. This year's MHPN awardees were selected from 25 applicants across the entire State of Michigan. Of the 13 submissions in the Building Award Category, MHPN chose to honor seven projects of varying scale and origin.

"We like to recognize small scale preservation projects, understanding that they can have as much impact on the character of a neighborhood as some monumental restorations," notes MHPN Awards Committee Chair, Ruth Mills. "The Committee felt this was a very interesting repurposing of a historic gas station...showing the kind of creativity that is the lifeblood of historic preservation."

"Our tagline is 'Revitalizing the Community, Rebuilding Lives' remarked DCC President and CEO Irva Faber-Bermudez. "Here we can point to a concrete example of how DCC really is revitalizing the community."

DCC is a private non-profit [501(c)(3)] agency that provides ongoing mental health services, substance abuse treatment, housing, and support services to adults in Wayne County. Located in the empowerment zone, DCC serves people in the Midtown/Downtown areas of Detroit. Services are provided by a staff of over 140 including psychiatrists, nurses, social workers, case managers, housing specialists and other professionals who are dedicated to working with individuals struggling to cope with the stressors of illness, poverty, and homelessness. DCC is partially funded by Detroit Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency and Gateway Community Health. Visit www.dcccmh.org "Revitalizing the Community, Rebuilding Lives"

Feature: Citizen Architect

Kenneth Crutcher, RA

This article continues our series on Citizen Architects in Michigan. Because the profession of architecture donates time and expertise in public service roles, our communities benefit from the impact of this expertise in their government and development. Please submit suggestions for other Citizen Architects to info@michiganarchitecturalfoundation.org.



Kenneth Crutcher, RA

With over 30 years in the business of design, Kenneth Crutcher is a licensed Michigan architect and has maintained his own design practice since 1998 in Farmington, MI, Crutcher Studio, Inc. His practice focuses primarily on residential and smaller commercial projects. Prior to creating Crutcher Studio, Mr. Crutcher worked for prominent architectural firms in Michigan. His very first project as an Intern-architect involved the design of the royal reception pavilion at the air terminal for the king of Saudi Arabia! Mr. Crutcher also currently serves as an adjunct faculty at Lawrence Technological University teaching design studio courses.

Mr. Crutcher is active in the community, in his second term as a member of the City of Farmington Planning Commission. In this role, he assists the City with the review of planning and development projects, to facilitate conformance with zoning requirements and the City's master plan. The Commission recently updated this master plan, and has proposed zoning ordinance changes to support the updates.

"My architectural background has helped me understand how the project will impact the environment and the community," says Crutcher. "Our goal as a Commission is to help developers to be compatible with the Master Plan. Being an architect provides additional insight for me, and helps me to identify alternatives that meet everyone's goals for the project."

Serving in public leadership positions with this depth of understanding of the built environment demonstrates how architects can have a great impact on our communities as they continue to grow and evolve.

National Honors for U of M Law School Steel Design

The new Commons at the University of Michigan Law School was awarded top honors for steel design at the annual National Steel Conference in Dallas earlier this week.

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