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HUD Announces Winner of 2021 Student Design Competition

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that a graduate student team with members from Pratt Institute and New York University is the winner of the 2021 [Innovation in Affordable Housing Student Design and Planning Competition](#). According to the announcement, this year's competition was focused on the redevelopment of housing units and seizing the opportunity to create one cohesive community from five contiguous properties that are currently separated by fences. These barriers are not only physically unappealing; they contribute to the larger disconnectedness of the entire community. The winning team, which will receive an award of \$20,000, was one of four finalists challenged to build a workforce housing plan that included the redesign of over 210 housing units for farm laborers, migrant workers, senior citizens, and low-income families in Firebaugh, California. A team from the University of Michigan and Harvard University was the runner up and will receive a \$10,000 award. For the 2021 competition, HUD partnered with Fresno Housing in Fresno County, California.



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