Extreme Makeover: Campus Edition
Fundraiser Overview

The biggest ID Club Fundraiser this past year was the Extreme Makeover: Campus Edition, in which faculty and students purchased raffle tickets to be eligible to win a $250 room makeover. Our winner, Marketing Professor Jill Slomski, was thrilled with the opportunity provided by our department to update her outdated and inefficient office space.

A group of six students in the department ventured to Ms. Slomski's office, located in Sullivan, over the weekend to paint and reorganize the space. Two paint colors were used, Super White and Geranium (similar to the color of tomato soup), which were donated to us by Benjamin Moore. A Sharper Image desk replaced the large, unattractive desk Ms. Slomski once had. Her work-study student now even has a new, modern work surface of her own. A new set of cork boards, curtains, file folders, organizational boxes, a desk lamp, and a clock have also been added. Also, Kris Docter provided Ms. Slomski his custom-made image containing a pop-art picture of President Obama, with the words from his acceptance speech embedded on top.

The office was finally ready to be revealed after weeks of planning and two days of manual labor. Eager to show off her new office on Sunday night, Ms. Slomski brought along a coworker and her daughter, Kate, for the reveal. It was truly a great experience for us to work with someone so deserving of a beautiful new work space, and we look forward to the opportunity to makeover another space when we do the fundraiser again in the fall. Be on the lookout for raffle tickets so that you might also be able to win this wonderful room makeover for yourself!

THANK YOU to Alitia Cross of Benjamin Moore for the generous paint donation!
Students in the Interior Design Club reflect on the fun and exciting Spring Trip they took to Washington, D.C.

Junior ID Major Caroline Whitman describes her dining experience at a LEED Certified Gold Restaurant in D.C.

The weekend of April 9-11, the Interior Design Club ventured to Washington DC for some sightseeing and adventure. Saturday we were free to explore the city, so a few of us first went to the National Cherry Blossom Parade, which consisted of marching bands, kids on unicycles, Elmo and even an appearance by Miss America! Next we headed up to the World War II Memorial, Lincoln Monument, and the White House. We eventually took a nap under the Washington Monument and then headed over to the National Mall and explored Smithsonian Castle and the Hirshhorn Art & Sculpture Museum. We briefly had the chance to explore the US Botanical Gardens, and then made our way to the Capitol Building. After all that walking, we made our way to Founding Farmers for dinner, a LEED Gold Certified Building and Certified Green Restaurant.

Founding Farmers, which opened in 2008, is focused on sustainability. Upon entering the restaurant, I immediately recognized the same 3form resin we have in our materials lab! The restaurant was packed, so having to wait for our food gave us the opportunity to look around and try to guess what companies the flooring, upholstery, wall coverings and other finishes were from. Before taking our order, the waiter explained the mission of the restaurant and informed us that much of the food in the restaurant is made in house or bought from family farms. There were many meal choices as well as designations for vegetarian and vegan dishes, and everything was at a reasonable price. Overall, the food was fresh and delicious, and the beverage selection was extensive, including fun drinks like Mint Limeade and Cranberry Cucumber Coolers. From their menus, which were printed on recycled paper with soy-based ink, to the filtered water served in what resembles glass milk bottles, it is clear that Founding Farmers takes sustainability seriously.

IN OTHER NEWS

THANK YOU to Kim Docter who traveled with us to D.C. in April. We appreciate the time and energy she gave to the club and loved having her with us on the trip!

CONGRATULATIONS to Kathy Weidenboerner, Department Chair of the Mercyhurst Interior Design Department. Kathy recently contributed a chapter on climate change to a published textbook. The book, entitled Climate Change and Sustainable Development, was published in March 2010 by Linton Atlantic Books, Ltd. Kathy’s chapter, entitled “Correlation of Affect, Verbal Commitment, Knowledge, Locus of Control and Attitude to Environmentally Responsible Behavior in Designers of the Built Environment: Is Knowledge Enough?” The forty chapters in the textbook explore topics such as biofuels, water resources, endangered plants, Hurricane Katrina, road usage, rainforests, clouds, agriculture, sea levels, mining, legal implications, fishing, education, habitat restoration, and rivers.