



Professors Rudzinski and Carpenter review students' architectural art projects.



Alyssa Bodine, Lakeside High School art teacher, and Dede Gibson, Guachoya executive director, gather with students and their art projects.

## Students' projects part of Art in Architecture

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The Alex Foundation and Guachoya Cultural Arts Center recently hosted Art in Architecture led by visiting professor Russell Rudzinski of University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Fay Jones Scholl of Architecture.

As part of the Art in Architecture, Lakeside High School art teacher Alyssa Bodine and students from her class were on hand with their architectural art projects. Bodine, a Teach for America alumnus, explained the variations of the students' projects.

"Students' designs for their dream homes had to be three dimensional models built to scale from a blueprint. There was no budget for this particular project and students were ambitious with their creations," she said.

Dede Gibson, a former high school art teacher, and Guachoya's executive director, lauded Bodine for embedding art in the classroom with allied disciplines, such as architecture.

"As an art educator, it is always a pleasure to see students' creativity in the context of authentic designs. This and other educationally enriched projects are the caliber of programming that is a fundamental priority for me as executive director. Partnering with the Alex Foundation has been an excellent start in expanding students' art involvement, as well as increasing our public education programs at Guachoya," Gibson said.

She also commended the Art in Architecture theme presented by Rudzinski.

"Professor Rudzinski's remarks were a relevant link to art. He illuminated the connections

that these academic specialties have with each other, noting distinct representations of their interdependency."

Rudzinski instructed at Lakeside Middle School Feb. 3 and Feb. 5-7 for the Alex Foundation's Gaining STE+AM, Architecture in the Classroom Initiative.

Funded by the Windgate Charitable Foundation, STE+AM represents science, technology, engineering, art plus architecture and math.

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