



Autodesk Presents Revit BIM Experience Award to New Jersey Institute of Technology for Creation of Fully Digital Approach to Architectural Education

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School Honored for Use of Building Information Modeling and Successful Integration of Revit Architecture Throughout Curriculum

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Aug. 21 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today announced that it has presented the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) with a Revit BIM Experience Award for its commitment to teaching an entirely digital approach to architecture. NJIT provides students with targeted building information modeling (BIM) classes and has integrated Revit Architecture software into design studios. The Revit BIM Experience Award honors organizations, including commercial architecture, engineering and construction (AEC) firms, educational institutions, and individuals for their innovation and excellence in implementing the Revit platform for BIM. Candidates are judged on their ability to create quality and complex designs, collaborate across the building design disciplines, and drive increased productivity in the building design process.

"The interoperability between Autodesk applications has helped improve our students' efficiency and shorten their learning curve, so it was a natural choice to select the Revit platform for BIM when we launched our building information modeling curriculum," said Glenn Goldman, professor and director of Imaging Laboratory, NJIT. "There is a great demand for BIM-trained professionals, so our career-oriented students are gaining a competitive advantage by learning to work on the Revit platform, the market-leading solution for BIM. Their familiarity with BIM is also enabling them to be the building industry leader of the future -- proselytizing new technology, processes, and approaches in their professional careers."

NJIT enrolls more than 8,000 students in bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees in nearly 100 degree programs offered by six colleges. Established in 1973, NJIT's New Jersey School of Architecture (NJSOA) is one of the largest degree-accredited architecture schools in the United States and is a national leader in integrating architectural computing technology into the studio curriculum. NJIT began using Revit Architecture several years ago in various upper-level studios and is now in the process of integrating BIM throughout its curriculum. The school currently offers a BIM class as well as a design studio -- both using Revit Architecture as the main BIM tool. The school is currently exploring the incorporation of Revit Structure software and Revit MEP software into future classes, and examining how to integrate building performance analysis software from Integrated Environmental Solutions (IES).

NJIT uses Revit Architecture to demonstrate the relationship between design and building to its students and leverages technology in the service of design to create better architects -- and architecture. Graduate Bruce McConnell recently used Revit Architecture to complete a design studio project that required the inclusion of sustainable features, such as reliance on natural heating, cooling and controlled shading. Another student, Donald Kovacs Jr., used Revit Architecture on his final project to design a complex art-school dormitory that employed a multi-story design with gently curving façades as well as articulated vertical circulation. Revit Architecture provided him with constructability checks and balances while also leaving him the artistic freedom he needed to create a unique and interesting design.

"New Jersey Institute of Technology's dedication to providing its students with knowledge and training in state-of-the-art design technology makes it a perfect recipient for the Autodesk Revit BIM Experience Award," said Jay Bhatt, senior vice president, Autodesk AEC Solutions. "As the architecture, engineering & construction industry moves to a fully digital workflow, it's critical for educational institutions to provide students with the skills needed in their future careers."

About the Revit BIM Experience Award

The Revit BIM Experience Award celebrates building industry professionals and educators around the world who are helping to drive transformation of the building industry through building information modeling. Autodesk honors firms with this award for innovation and excellence in implementing the Autodesk Revit platform for building information modeling, including Revit Architecture, Revit Structure and Revit MEP on one or more projects.

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