WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF) has announced the two winners and six finalists for the 2014 Olmsted Scholars Program, the premier national award and recognition program for landscape architecture students.

Sara Zewde, a master’s student at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, and Erin Percevault, an undergraduate at Louisiana State University, were selected as the 2014 National Olmsted Scholars, winning the $25,000 graduate and $15,000 undergraduate prizes, respectively.

Also honored are six National Olmsted Scholar Finalists, who each receive $1,000. The graduate finalists are: VeraEve Giampietro (University of Washington), Harriett Jameson (University of Virginia), and Anneliza Kaufer (University of Pennsylvania). The undergraduate finalists are: Viviana Castro (University of Florida), Clemente Rico (Arizona State University), and Blythe Worstell (Ohio State University).

An independent jury of leaders in the landscape architecture profession selected the winners and finalists from a group of 45 graduate and 30 undergraduate students who were nominated by their faculty for being exceptional student leaders. These top students earned the designation of 2014 University Olmsted Scholars.

“The Landscape Architecture Foundation is delighted to recognize and support these exceptional young leaders who will be the next generation of designers, spokespeople, and change agents to lead and advance the landscape architecture profession,” said LAF Executive Director Barbara Deutsch. “They join a growing community of 318 past and present Olmsted Scholars.”

Now in its seventh year, the Olmsted Scholars Program recognizes and supports students with exceptional leadership potential who are using ideas, influence, communication, service, and leadership to advance sustainable planning and design and foster human and societal benefits. The program is made possible with support from Lead Sponsor: The Toro Company; Annual Sponsors: EDSA, HOK, OLIN, Sasaki Associates, and Thomas C. and Gerry D. Donnelly; and Promotion Partner: American Society of Landscape Architects.

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