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SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO (SAIC)
ANNOUNCES GREEN SHOWCASE EXHIBIT
August 30–September 10, 2010

Chicago, IL—The Art and Architecture Department at Harold Washington College, one of the City Colleges of Chicago, and the Departments of Architecture, Interior Architecture and Designed Objects; Sculpture; and Art Education at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) proudly present *Green Showcase Exhibit* from Monday, August 30 through Friday, September 10, 2010. The exhibit will take place at Harold Washington College, 30 East Lake Street, Room 102. There will be a reception with refreshments on August 31 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

The Green Showcase Exhibit displays student plans from Harold Washington College and SAIC for projects that were inspired by the City of Chicago's Green Initiative, two of which are currently in the development stages for Harold Washington College: the Green Roof project for the 30,000-square-foot rooftop of Harold Washington College, which will make it one of the largest green roofs in the city; and the "10 East Lake" project, an outdoor sustainability lab located on the premises of Com-Ed's CTA Generator Station—activating the plaza that is directly to the west of the college. Both plans are slated to begin construction in the near future. There are real and speculative green projects that SAIC students have been co-designing with south and westside communities in the exhibition, as well.

The renderings on display show living walls, rainwater collection systems, farmers markets, rain gardens, outdoor classrooms, sculpture gardens and much more. Students are responding to the architecture of the city and the sites, as well as the data about the sites that they have collected through digital sun analysis, wind condition calculations, bird habitat observations and other environmental tests. The roof project will be a collaborative space for the whole college, including the integral involvement of the Biology department, which will have classrooms and teaching greenhouses on the site.

Participating artists include: Cathy Arreaza, Jaime Castro, Michele Crawford, Racquel Davey, Alli Gentles, Amber Ginsburg, Laura Goetz, Sheila Horne, Brendan Hudson, Rebekah Ison, Stefan Johanson, Kyeong Ho Kim, Louise Pan, Georgiana Phua, Brendan Post, Lia Rousset, Carlos Ruiz, Etta Sandry, Kyunghwa Shon, Lauren A. Thomas, Patricia Vermeulen, Michelle Daniela Villarreal, Lindsay Warner, Traci Wile.

Harold Washington College is one of the seven City Colleges of Chicago. The Green Showcase Exhibit is located inside Harold Washington College, 30 East Lake Street, Room 102. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment. For more information, contact the Harold Washington College Art and Architecture department at 312-553-5844.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

A leader in educating artists, designers, and scholars since 1866, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) offers nationally accredited undergraduate, graduate, and post-baccalaureate programs to nearly 3,200 students from across the globe. Located in the heart of Chicago, SAIC has an educational philosophy that is built upon an interdisciplinary approach to art and design, giving students unparalleled opportunities to develop their creative and critical abilities, while working with renowned faculty who include many of the leading practitioners in their fields. SAIC's resources include the Art Institute of Chicago and its new Modern Wing; numerous special collections and programming venues provide students with exceptional exhibitions, screenings, lectures, and performances. For more information, please visit www.saic.edu.

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