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PHOTOS BY GUERIN PREP NOLAN SCHOLARS TO BE PUBLISHED IN UPCOMING BOOK ABOUT CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE

Photographs taken and submitted by four freshman students at Guerin College Preparatory High School will appear in the soon to be published coffee table book entitled, *The Plan of Chicago @100: 15 Views of Burnham's Legacy for a New Century*, to commemorate the 2009 Burnham Plan Centennial.

As part of the Nolan Scholars Program at Guerin Prep, Teri Brieske, Melissa Cyrwus, Paula Kopec and Melanie Niepsuj all of Chicago, entered the photojournalism component of the Fairchild Challenge, sponsored by the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Sixteen photographs from this challenge were selected for inclusion in the upcoming book, exploring how the Plan of Chicago has affected the community and envisioning a new Plan of Chicago for 2040.

The Plan of Chicago was created in 1909 by Daniel Burnham, Edward Bennett and the Commercial Club of Chicago to put forward the Plan of Chicago, a visionary proposal that would transform the social, environmental, economic and physical landscape of the entire Chicago region.

Additionally, Paula Kopec has been named a finalist in the photo essay contest. Final awards will be announced May 10 at the Fairchild Challenge Award Ceremony at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Guerin Prep also received the most points for the quality of the students' entries in the photo essay category of the Fairchild Challenge.

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According to Karin Calandriello, director of the Nolan Scholars Program, “This is truly an honor for these Nolan Scholars; the selection process was statewide and extremely competitive.”

The Guerin Prep photographs to be included in the *Plan of Chicago @ 100* are Garfield Park Conservatory: ferns reflected in pool by Teri Brieske; Millennium Park “grid” with Michigan Avenue background by Melissa Cyrwus; Bridge over the river, with architectural detail by Melanie Niepsuj; and Architectural and construction reflections near Millennium Park by Paula Kopec.

The focus of the first semester of Guerin Prep’s Nolan Scholars Program has been Chicago and its neighboring communities. Students delved into Chicago’s history by reading Burnham’s *Plan of Chicago* and either *Devil in the White City* or *Never A City So Real*.

Nolan Scholars participated in The Burnham Experience, a Fairchild Challenge Event sponsored by Lambda Alpha International that included an architectural tour of Chicago with opportunities to interact with a professional architect and learn more about the city’s future. Students used the experience as the focus of their photo essays.

Prior to the event, Kathy Zelm, photography teacher at Guerin Prep, conducted a mini-photography class with the Nolan Scholars to prepare them for the photo essay challenge.

The Fairchild Challenge is a free, multidisciplinary contest that challenges Chicago-area high schools to take action on behalf of the environment. Students participate in the Challenge by submitting entries in up to 11 categories that include land use planning, photojournalism, tee shirt design, music composition, environmental action and more.

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