THE STUDENTS:
Exceptional students still

In the last decade final year students have participated in international professional competitions as a prelude to their year long final project and thesis investigations. The opportunity to participate in these professional competitions has become a vital experience for our students and our unprecedented successes over this time only serve to demonstrate the remarkable diversity and maturity of interests our students are developing during their time at the school of architecture.

> Stephanie Cramer and Ryan Salvas | 56 West: Utopia

FIRST PLACE
This year was no exception, as Rensselaer students were recognized with the winning scheme and the third place scheme in the Global House competition, demonstrating a range and ambition that was clearly exceptional. These projects as well as those on the following pages were among 250 total entries from 44 countries, and as evidenced by the diversity of these responses the work has a sincerity, rigor and clarity, that was well appreciated. Arquitectum, the host organization of the competition saw this as an

> Moniera Buck, Brian Janeczko and Priyanka Mara | N.O.M.A.D.  Third Place
opportunity to renovate the concept of Housing, letting young architects be the ones who talk, through their own experience, about the social, physical, technological and aesthetic changes that they have experienced and that the new global society is experiencing. We must all celebrate not only these successes but also those challenges of the past several years in which we have succeeded as well, with diverse topics ranging from the Mobile Aids Clinic to the political sensitivity required in the Ein Hud Jerusalem settlement. Our students seem ever more prepared to tackle these ambitious questions in truly innovative ways, and serve as a reminder of the current strength of the school.

> CJ LaMora and Tom Nickel | I. C. U.
> Anna Groff and Caroline Steininger | Globeall House

> Erik Smith, Seth Wiley, and William Wong | Vestigium