

Student Day is an IIDA Florida Chapter statewide event which brings design students from across the state together to enjoy a day of interaction with peers and professionals and includes a student design competition. This year's event was held February 24, 2007 in Tampa, Florida and was hosted by the International Academy of Design and Technology.

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Student Day 2007 hosted 152 students from 9 design schools: Brevard Community College, Florida Community College at Jacksonville, Florida International University, Florida State University, International Academy of Design and Technology, Indian River Community College, Miami-Dade College, Ringling College of Art and Design, and University of Florida.

Much of the attendance was due, in fact, to the anticipation for our keynote speaker, Suhail. Suhail ([www.suhaildesign.com](http://www.suhaildesign.com)) is a Chicago designer, who has previously spoken at NeoCon 2004, and has designed residences, hospitality, retail, and furniture. Student Day also included Career Paths, Portfolio Reviews, Edible Design, a Sponsor Walkabout, and a Gallery. There is also a design competition which includes 4 categories: Corporate, Hospitality/Retail, Institutional, and Residential.

One other element was added to this year's event. CDS showroom in Tampa hosted a "Passport to Student Day" on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Both students and professionals were invited to attend a free night of food, drink, games, and professional interaction.