

The Rigby Company and The CREW Careers Team are winners at the Ann Richards School.

On Fri. May 14, 2010 the 9th grade class of the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders competed in the annual CREW Careers event featuring a simulated commercial real estate development competition hosted by CREW Austin. Approximately 80 girls were divided into six teams and came up with a development strategy for nearly 100 acres of commercial land in Cedar Park, Texas.

Throughout the afternoon, the students learned about the many disciplines in commercial real estate from CREW members including engineering, brokerage, development, legal, appraisal, finance, and architecture. Our expert membership panel included:

Expert Area	Speaker	Company
Title	Aisha Dull	Alamo Title
Architect/Interior Design	Kate Slate, AIA	Sixthriverarchitects
Attorney	Rae Ann Shanley, Attorney	Clark, Thomas & Winters
Banker	Kathy Estes, Sr. VP	Frost Bank
Construction	Deborah Cole, President	Greater Texas Landscapes, Inc.
Civil & Environmental Engineer	Tom Loomis, President	Loomis & Partners

After several hours of pouring over their projects and drawing plans on flipcharts, the six different teams presented their ideas on stage to a panel of judges including KVUE's award winning Olga Campos. The winning team called themselves Rigby Co. and came up with a concept to include a Rainforrest Café, Children's Museum, recreational center, golf course, and naming rights to the tenant that paid the most money. The Rigby Co. group won a spa day provided by Sak's Fifth Avenue and all the girls won goodie bags donated by our membership. During the spirited event, girls learned about leadership, teamwork and presentation skills

To cap off the competition, Terri Adams, chief operating officer for Schlitterbahn Waterparks, revealed the actual development plan for the near 100 acres of land - the new Schlitterbahn Boutique Hotel, Conference Center and Waterpark. The \$360 million dollar development is scheduled to open the summer of 2012.

This is the 2nd time CREW Austin has teamed up to mentor Ann Richards School students in its 4th annual CREW Careers event.

On behalf of the entire CREW membership, we would like to thank our 2010 CREW Careers® national sponsor Perkins Coie and the local Austin sponsors are: Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr P.C., Fulbright & Jaworski LLP, Brown McCarroll, Thomas Properties Group, Jones Lang LaSalle, Gracy Title and Omni Bank.

We would also like to thank the CO-Chairs of this event: Stacy Mock, Aisha Dull and Carol Cates who dedicated many hours to the success of this event. Additionally, we would like to thank all of those who participated in the event including our expert panelist and Linda Strickland who helped make it all happen! You guys rock!