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## **Towers|Golde Wins Two Design Awards from the Connecticut Chapter of the ASLA**

The design and planning expertise of Towers|Golde, Landscape Architects and Site Planners, of New Haven, Connecticut, have both been recognized by the 2009 Design Awards program of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, the firm received an Honor Award for Calhoun College: Revitalizing an Historic Gem at Yale University and a Merit Award for Envisioning a New Pedestrian District: Stockbridge Corridor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

While each of the twelve residential colleges at Yale University is organized around a highly individualized central courtyard, the Calhoun College courtyard is the most compact of these unique spaces and is therefore subject to unusually intense and often competitive pressures on its limited outdoor spaces. The need for a total “gut” renovation and expansion of this 75 year old residential complex created an opportunity to better accommodate these competing needs and thereby instill a new vitality into its landscape, allowing this historic gem to shine once again.

The Stockbridge District Landscape project was commissioned by the University of Massachusetts - Amherst with the express purpose of transforming the existing Stockbridge Road into a pedestrian-friendly corridor linking the new Integrated Science Building, and its proposed expansions, to the north and the new Studio Arts Building to the south. Grounded in the ideas set forth by a number of previous master plans for the University’s East Campus, this most recent planning study and preliminary design effort brings to fruition decades of visioning for the improved quality of campus life.

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