

# POWERHOUSE PROJECT WINS ARCHITECTURAL FESTIVAL AWARD

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Rendering provided The Beloit College Powerhouse project is expected to be complete in the Fall of 2019.

BELOIT - The architecture firm responsible for designing the Beloit College Powerhouse redevelopment project has been recognized with a top prize at the World Architecture Festival, according to Beloit College officials.

According to an announcement by the international festival ahead of the event later this month, Studio Gang Architects netted the top overall prize among "2018 Future Projects" for its work on the former generating station soon-to-be student union and event space in Beloit.

"We had aspired to develop a facility that was among the best in higher education in America, but we overachieved," said Beloit College President Scott Bierman.

In September, Studio Gang won first place for the festival's re-use category for the Powerhouse plan.

"We have been amazed by the standard of entries across this year's future project categories and the prize winners in addressing some of humanity's greatest concerns," said World Architecture Festival Director Paul Finch. "Studio Gang's masterful Beloit College Powerhouse Project triumphed over a very strong field and we look forward to hearing more from them and the other prize winners when the Festival convenes in November."

The project will also be judged live in Amsterdam, Netherlands later this month in the health category. The health award recognizes plans that stand out as models of socially and environmentally responsible architecture.

Powerhouse construction remains on schedule and set to open in the Fall of 2019. The \$38 million project will transform the decommissioned Alliant Energy Blackhawk generating station on the Rock River into a state-of-the-art student space.