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## University of Sydney student wins \$1000 design competition prize

Student accommodation provider, Campus Living Villages (CLV), has awarded its annual 'Bag Your Design' competition prize to University of Sydney student, Nelson Velazquez.

CLV Marketing Director, Brigitte Murray, presented the \$1,000 cheque and a framed copy of the artwork to Mr Velazquez yesterday at Sydney University Village, a CLV student residence located on the university's main campus.

The 'Bag Your Design' competition is opened on an annual basis to students at CLV properties across Australia and New Zealand. This year, over 5000 Australian residents were eligible to join.

The winning design's message, 'Connect Yourself' was inspired by Mr Velazquez's experience of on-campus living at Sydney University Village. Featuring iconic representations of a university student's daily life surrounding a plugged in lightbulb, the piece highlights the social, academic and recreational activities that Mr Velazquez sees as essential aspects of his university lifestyle.

"That sense of being integrated and taken care of...was what I intended to express with the artwork," he says.

According to Mr Velazquez, it is this sense of connection with the diverse residential community, university environment and academic resources that "empower[s] [him] to perform at [his] best".

Currently undertaking a Masters in Design Science (Sustainable Design), Mr Velazquez's artwork was selected from the submissions of 10 finalists. This year, the winning design will be featured on 10,000 free welcome bags distributed to new and returning CLV residents in 2009.

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