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Image courtesy: Joanna Tanaskovich

Sculpture at The Avenue *Work by student Joanna Tanaskovich selected for new neighborhood*

Buckingham Companies has selected a student from Herron School of Art and Design through its Basile Center for Art, Design and Public Life to create a feature sculpture at its newest downtown Indianapolis neighborhood, The Avenue.

Senior painting major Joanna Tanaskovich will spend the next few months fabricating her sculpture, with an anticipated installation in fall 2012 (to learn more about Joanna's work on the project, open this video link: <http://www.vimeo.com/herron/buckingham>).

The Avenue, which is located near the IUPUI campus at the northeast corner of 10th Street and Indiana Avenue, includes 142 ultra-modern apartment units, community amenities, green space and 22,000 square feet of retail space, including restaurants and shops. Buckingham Companies worked with the Basile Center to accept proposals from students for an original sculpture to feature in a small park on the northwest corner of the property.

"Buckingham Companies prides itself in creating neighborhoods that cultivate and celebrate the art of living," said Theresa Farrington Rhodes, executive director of Buckingham Foundation. "We were impressed with Herron's work with community partners, and we thought The Avenue was a perfect opportunity to work with Herron and showcase a student's work."

To select the featured work from concepts submitted by students, Buckingham assembled a team of six stakeholders, including representatives from Indy Parks and the surrounding neighborhood.

"We liked all the student designs, but ultimately decided to award the commission to Joanna Tanaskovich," said Rhodes. "Her design fit perfectly with the significant heritage of Indiana Avenue and the vibrant atmosphere of The Avenue."

Tanaskovich describes her sculpture as a tower-like, large-scale form of metal and wood that will include horizontal sculptural elements that work as benches and allow the viewer to interact with the work.

"The brick and limestone platform for the sculpture steps up and accentuates how approachable the area is," said Tanaskovich. "It inspired me to create something playful."

She believes the bright colors of her work "will add some vivid energy and

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personality to the area. It will have a visual presence that can hold its own with the busy intersection.” She included plans for landscaping and night lighting in her design.

IUPUI has been identified by *U. S. News and World Report* as among top “up and coming” national universities for its innovation. The Avenue and other campus-adjacent development is helping to satisfy the demand for student housing at IUPUI.

“Buckingham is especially pleased to partner with IUPUI and include a Herron student’s work at The Avenue. This partnership illustrates well the importance Buckingham Companies and Buckingham Foundation have placed on encouraging participation in arts and culture initiatives as we invest in local communities.” Rhodes said. “We hope others will likewise recognize IUPUI as a valuable resource and partner.”

About the Basile Center

The Frank and Katrina Basile Center for Art, Design and Public Life is Herron’s laboratory for applying the talents and skills of Herron students and faculty to the needs of businesses, nonprofit organizations and government agencies. It connects artists in all media with community partners who are interested in providing real-world and professional practice experiences through public art commissions, art and design competitions and civic engagement opportunities. The skill and knowledge students gain from conceptualizing and competing for community-based commissions better prepares them for the world outside college. Students often work with architects, engineers, electricians, fabrication design houses, printer companies and landscape architects to get the job done, resulting in an extraordinarily well-rounded practical experience. For more information, visit <http://www.herron.iupui.edu/basile-center>.

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