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FCC NTX Update – Special Awards Judging

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I'd like to clarify a few points on SPECIAL AWARDS JUDGING.

During the preliminary round period on Saturday (9am-1pm), Special Award judges will interview the student teams. The schedule for those interviews is based on room assignment. For one hour, groups of judges will circulate through each presentation/classroom and talk to the students. This is in addition to and separate from the formal team presentation.

Schedule is as follows:

9-10 Rooms 105, 106  
10-11 Rooms 108, 109, 110  
11-12 Rooms 111, 112  
12-1 Rooms 202, 203, 229

During the Special Awards period, all student teams should be with their model. There will be 6-7 teams assigned to each presentation/classroom. During this period, you will all be in the room together and the judges will rotate through talking to each team. There will be 12-15 groups of judges, so you can expect to spend only 3-4 minutes with each.

Because time is short and the stakes are high, you will need to observe the following rules:

- Only the student team is with the model and answering questions. Teachers and mentors may observe quietly and stand against the wall, away from the students. Teachers and mentors should not interact with the judges.
- The student team is a maximum of 3 students. You may substitute an alternate for one of the students, but you can't change back and forth – select three students and go with them for the entire period.
- Parents and friends are not allowed in the room. With 6-7 teams, and more than a dozen judges in the room, it is too crowded to allow more people.
- There is no special presentation or AV for the Special Awards judging. It is an interview or discussion of specific aspects of the future city and the team's project experience. If you do prepare anything for the special awards judging, it must be documented on the expense form and count against the \$100 limit.

For an idea of special award categories, see the list of past winners on the website:

[www.dfwfuturecity.org/info\\_past.html](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/info_past.html). We have one new sponsor this year: American Planning Association who will be presenting the "Complete Streets Award."

SPECIAL AWARD PRIZES will consist of an award plaque/certificate, gift cards, and for some awards, a check to the school. *Out of respect for our sponsors, please plan to attend the awards ceremony.* We will be presenting 25 special awards in addition to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards, so there is a fair chance of a team to win something.

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