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Kennesaw State Univ. Wins PCI Design Precast

CHICAGO, July 23, 2026 – The Kennesaw State University team of Ashely Borgman, Ines Konji, and Asma Nadir was the overall winner of the PCI Spring 2026 Design Precast competition. Their winning design, the Folded Frame contemporary art museum, embraces the site's artistic and industrial identity by exploring how precast concrete can serve as an efficient building system and an expressive architectural language that shapes light, atmosphere, and human experience.

In PCI Design Precast, teams of two or three students present their designs in the form of elevations and 3-D BIM modeling. Students are encouraged to work with a local Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI)-certified precast concrete producer to learn about design-assist, understand precast concrete production, and learn about the colors and textures needed to complete the design. In this competition, each team was to design a museum focused on a specific theme or topic of interest in a location aligned with that theme or topic.

“Our main central concept of this project was to show how precast concrete can be both structurally efficient and aesthetically compelling,” said Nadir, a member of the winning team. “Rather than using precast concrete as a flat enclosure material, the building transforms it as a folded architectural system that introduces rhythm, shadow, depth, and spatial identity.”

The winning team will present the winning design at the 2027 PCI Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, February 1-5.

PCI Spring 2026 Design Precast Top Three Teams

First Place

Kennesaw State University
Ashely Borgman, Asma Nadir, Ines Konji

Second Place

Lehigh University

Katie Bui, Samantha McEvoy

Third Place

Kennesaw State University

Dulce Hernandez, Connor Johnson, Joanna Lin

The 2027 PCI Design Precast Competition is open. Visit pci.org/archcomp for more information.

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