What do a bee hive and a parking garage have in common? Apparently for four students from Lake Mary High School there is a huge connection. These students won the local competition for the ACE Mentor Program of Central Florida at the annual banquet on May 16th. The students answered a Request for Proposal for a Parking Garage “outside the box”. Their conceptual design was for a parking garage located in Sanford next to a new Sunrail stop. It combined parking (for both autos and bicycles) along with retail for those using the Sunrail.

A bee hive attracts worker bees for a common purpose and they proposed that local residents would flock to this beautiful “hive” design to park their auto and grab some breakfast before they set off to work by train. On the way home they might engage in grocery shopping or even drop off clothing at the dry cleaners. To view the 3-D design visit:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06QbTLxW6jE

This relevant and well thought out design won the hearts of the judges: Nathan Butler, C.T. Hsu + Associates, Scott Herlitzka, Jacobs Engineering, and Jeremy Dawkins, Wharton Smith. There were 3 other professional presentations from teams of students from Lyman, Oviedo, Lake Howell, and Winter Park High Schools and five scholarships were awarded overall.
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