

TUT's Dean Smuts named regional winner in 2022 Corobri Student Architecture Awards

Dean Smuts from the Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) has been awarded regional win in the 2022 Corobrik Student Architecture Awards. The project, which addresses the lack of institutional structures for at-risk boys, has won Smuts the R10,000 prize and the opportunity to compete in the national awards.



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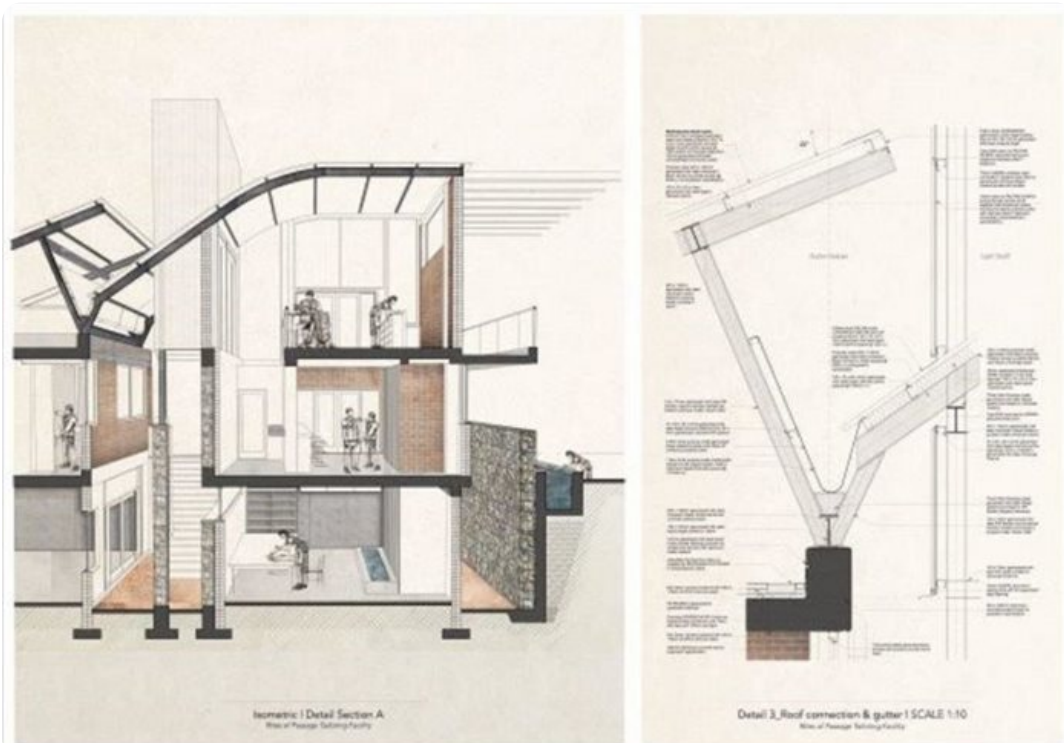
“It is a privilege to represent the TUT Department of Architecture, and also to have my project represented on such a prestigious platform,” says Smuts.

Facilitating the transition from boyhood to manhood

Entitled ‘Se(cure)ing boys’ to men: The design of a contemporary rites of passage tailoring facility for at-risk boys in the Pretoria CBD’, the project proposes a functional facility to facilitate rites of passage or the transition from boyhood to manhood by implementing the artisanal methods of teaching the art of tailoring.



The personal experience of observing a family member mentoring an eight-year-old at-risk boy during the 2020 Covid-19 hard lockdown informed the project context and brought about awareness of the existence at-risk boys in society. “I became a first-hand witness of a neglected but legitimate societal problem. I became interested in exploring tailoring as an art form. The parallels between tailoring and architecture as symbiotic relationship further inspired the topic,” says Smuts.



35th Corobrik Architectural Student of the Year Awards - Tshwane University of Technology:

- Winner: Dean Smuts, R10,000
- First Runner-up: Kyle Posthumus, R8,000
- Second Runner-up: Jaco Swart, R6,000

- Best Use of Clay Masonry: Kirti Mistry, R6,000



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This year's national awards will again be a hybrid event held in May, following a similar format as in 2021. The 2019 awards ceremony was postponed due to Covid-19, with Corobrik instead announcing the 2019 and 2020 winners at a combined event last year.

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