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UNIVERCITY WINS URBAN LAND INSTITUTE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

UniverCity, the sustainable community being developed on Burnaby Mountain, was honoured on Friday as a winner of the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) Awards for Excellence: The Americas competition.

Created in 1979, the ULI Awards for Excellence are the Institute's most prestigious awards program. Based on ULI's guiding principles, they are meant to recognize best practice in land use and development. The criteria for the awards include leadership, contribution to the community, innovations, public/private partnership, environmental protection and enhancement, response to societal needs, and financial viability.

"We are extremely pleased to see UniverCity honoured along with so many really exemplary projects," said Gordon Harris, President and CEO of the SFU Community Trust. "To be recognized by a group like the Urban Land Institute says a great deal about the innovative work being undertaken at UniverCity."

UniverCity was up against stiff competition for the honor with 140 other projects from across North and South America vying for recognition. The mixed-use development neighbouring Simon Fraser University was one of only 10 projects to receive a 2009 award.

"These are great examples of success that showcase creativity, innovation and long-term thinking," said ULI Jury Chair Marilee Utter.

Members of the jury cited the innovative planning and development occurring at UniverCity for its inclusion among this year's winners. The project, which is currently home to approximately 2,500 residents and is planned to accommodate more than 10,000 when fully built out, is envisioned as a model community that integrates residential, commercial, and academic uses in a manner that fosters innovative solutions to sustainable development.

The nine other award winners:

- The California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, the largest LEED platinum building in the world. It houses an aquarium, planetarium, natural history museum and four-story rainforest. Developer: California Academy of Sciences.
- Comcast Center in Philadelphia, a 58-story office tower and transit-oriented development model with an underground connection of Philadelphia's commuter rail system. Developer: Liberty Property Trust.

- The Cork Factory Loft Apartments in Pittsburgh, rental units and office space that replaced a blighted area. Developer: McCaffery Interests Inc.
- Devries Place Senior Apartments in Milpitas, Calif., a transit-oriented residential development for low-income seniors, close to a new library and medical center. Developer: Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition.
- Heifer International world headquarters in Little Rock, Ark., a LEED platinum-certified nonprofit headquarters on Arkansas' largest brownfield reclamation site. Developer: Heifer International.
- Kansas City Power and Light District in Kansas City, Mo. After 40 years in the planning, the nine-block district comprises an \$850 million development with retail, office, hotels, civic spaces and sports venues. Developer: The Cordish Co.
- The RISE in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, a midrise transit-oriented development that includes large-format retail, local neighborhood retail and 92 rooftop live-work spaces surrounding a 20,000-square-foot green roof. Developer: Grosvenor Americas.
- Kierland Commons, Scottsdale, Arizona, this 38-acre mixed-use town center features a mix of shops, residences, and offices configured along narrow landscaped streets, providing a pedestrian-friendly outdoor shopping environment in Scottsdale, Arizona. Developer: Woodbine Southwest Corporation.
- West Chelsea/High Line Rezoning Plan in New York. A special district in the West Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan helped spur new development and create a 22-block linear park. Developer: New York Department of Planning.

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