



## WHS student advances to state CAD competition

A Woodstock High School senior is heading to state competition after winning a first-place award in the Illinois Design Educators Association Regional Competition at McHenry County College.

Drew Tillman, who matched his skills against students from Huntley, Crystal Lake, Marengo, Harvard and McHenry, won first in the Regional Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) 3D Architecture category for his design of a residential home.

Drew is a student in Steven Thompson's engineering design class who took a quick interest in architecture during high school.

"I've been doing it since my sophomore year. There's so many options you can do with the software. It's realistic and it helps you explore your ideas more than just drawing it out on paper," he said.

With his Feb. 28 win at regionals, Drew will have an opportunity to challenge student designers across Illinois at the state CAD competition on April 18 at Illinois State University.

He has been accepted at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where he plans to study architecture and eventually practice in the field. Drew said he's keeping an open mind about what buildings he'd like to design.

"Any, and all of it. I'm kind of leaning toward hospitals and buildings like that," he said.