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DesignIntelligence Ranks Philadelphia University Industrial Design, Interior Design Programs Among Top in Nation

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10, 2014—Philadelphia University undergraduate and graduate industrial design programs were ranked among the best in the country in the latest report by DesignIntelligence.

The prestigious annual survey also ranked the University's interior design program third nationally by employers for sustainable design practices and principles. And in a survey of PhilaU interior design students, 100 percent said they believe they will be well prepared for their profession upon graduation.

Nationally, the M.S. in Industrial Design program was ranked number seven among graduate programs. In the east, both undergraduate and graduate industrial design programs were cited as top academic programs, with the undergraduate program ranking third and the graduate program ranking fourth in the region.

In addition to being ranked among the best overall programs, PhilaU's undergraduate industrial design program was cited as the second most admired in the nation in the DI survey of academic leaders in industrial design, including deans and department heads.

Mike Leonard, academic dean, School of Design and Engineering, said, "We are very proud that DesignIntelligence and industry leaders recognize that our B.S. and M.S. in Industrial Design programs continue to grow in scope and reputation. This well-deserved national admiration acknowledges our programs' clear founding vision, agile and talented faculty, and unique approach to turning student-professionals into working-professional industrial designers."

PhilaU industrial design programs also were ranked second nationally for cross-disciplinary teamwork and fifth nationally in educating industrial design.

These and other findings were included in DesignIntelligence's latest report, America's Best Architecture & Design Schools 2015. Based on a survey of hiring firms to determine the

schools that best prepare students for success in the profession, the annual report is highly regarded as an indicator of top academic programs in architecture, landscape architecture, interior design and industrial design.

"Each of our programs in the College of Architecture and the Built Environment emphasizes sustainable practice, collaboration and innovation," said Barbara Klinkhammer, executive dean of the College. "Our curricula are structured for students to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to be leaders in global, sustainable practice and help us move towards a sustainable future."

Philadelphia University, founded in 1884, is a private university with 3,600 students enrolled in more than 70 undergraduate and graduate programs. As the model for professional university education, the University prepares students to be leaders in their professions in an active, collaborative and real-world learning environment infused with the liberal arts. Philadelphia University includes the innovative Kanbar College of Design, Engineering and Commerce; the College of Architecture and the Built Environment; and the College of Science, Health and the Liberal Arts. For more information, go to www.PhilaU.edu.