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### **Crowder College Wins "People's Choice Award" as Solar Decathlon Ends**

Crowder College proved the popular favorite at the Solar Decathlon by winning the "People's Choice Award" on October 6th. The award was determined by ballots handed out to the touring public on October 5th and 6th. In addition to the main awards associated with the decathlon, a number of awards were presented by the event's sponsors and organizers. See the new ["Awards"](#) page on the Solar Decathlon Web site.

The Solar Decathlon is a team competition among universities to design and build the most energy-efficient solar-powered homes. Fourteen teams from throughout the United States and Puerto Rico brought their solar homes to the National Mall in Washington, D.C., for this year's competition, which ran from September 26th through October 5th. And as the final entries in the team diaries indicate, the 14 teams found the experience to be educational in a variety of ways. See the [team diary entries](#).

So now that it's over, what happens to the houses? The answers are as varied as the houses themselves. Some houses will find a

permanent place on the teams' campuses, and several are destined to visit museums, fairs, and other public venues. Carnegie Mellon University plans to be philanthropic, donating its house to a nonprofit community organization, while Crowder College was uniquely capitalistic, financing the house by selling it in advance on eBay, earning \$75,000 to fuel the project. See the lead article in the August/September edition of the Solar Decathlon newsletter ([PDF 261 KB](#)). [Download Acrobat Reader](#).

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