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Landscape Tour of Yale's Residential Colleges Celebrates National Landscape Architecture Month

New Haven, Connecticut — The Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects will conduct a landscape tour of Yale University's residential colleges, Pierson and Davenport, on Wednesday, April 29 in celebration of **National Landscape Architecture Month**. The program and reception to follow at the newly renovated Yale Visitor Center will also commemorate Frederick Law Olmsted Day, established in 2005 by the state legislature in honor of the Connecticut-born father of the modern landscape architecture profession.

The tour will highlight several landscape design features of the University's residential colleges, including:

- Courtyards originally designed by ASLA founder Beatrix Jones Farrand in the early 1930s.
- Site renovations by New Haven landscape architecture firm, Towers|Golde, with nearly all new plantings, historic paving, masonry fabrication, site furnishings and lighting.
- Technical discussion of major tree preservation, drainage, barrier-free lighting and security, and special events planning.

The tour will begin at Davenport College entrance, 248 York Street, New Haven, at 3:00 p.m., with a reception to follow in the Yale Visitor Center (149 Elm Street) on New Haven's historic Green, recognized in 1999 as one of ASLA's "Centennial Medallion Sites."

During the reception, CTASLA will present its 2009 Connecticut Olmsted Award to **James Gustave Speth**, Dean of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Dean Speth, a professor, scientist, author, lawyer and environmentalist, has worked tirelessly on environmental and energy issues locally and around the world. He is a leader in the struggle against global warming, as evidenced by his latest book, *The Bridge at the Edge of the World: Capitalism, the Environment, and Crossing from Crisis to Sustainability*. The Olmsted Award is given annually by

CTASLA to an organization or person who works or resides in Connecticut and has employed the principle of stewardship of the land as a guiding force in their actions.

Cost of the tour and reception is \$45 for ASLA and AIA members, and \$60 for non-members; students with ID may attend for \$10. More information is available on the Chapter's website at www.ctasla.org.

About ASLA

Founded in 1899, the American Society of Landscape Architects is the national professional association for landscape architects, representing more than 18,000 members. Landscape architecture is a comprehensive discipline of land analysis, planning, design, management, preservation and rehabilitation. Like engineers and architects, landscape architects are licensed in the state of Connecticut, and protect the public health, safety and welfare through environmentally conscious planning and design.

ASLA promotes the landscape architecture profession and advances the practice through advocacy, education, communication and fellowship. Learn more about landscape architecture online at <http://www.asla.org>. For more information on activities of the Connecticut Chapter, please see our website at <http://www.ctasla.org>.

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[Photo: Landscape design at Davenport College]