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DOA Announces Capitol Floral Garden Competition with UW-Madison Landscape Architecture Students

The Department of Administration (DOA) announces that UW-Madison Landscape Architecture students are designing floral gardens for the east, west, and south corner circles of the Capitol Square. The State Capitol and Executive Residence Board (SCERB) will chose which flower bed designs will be planted this year at its upcoming meeting on April 28th. This is the first time that students have helped design the circle floral gardens on the Capitol Square.

"Thousands of visitors come to the downtown area each year, and as they walk around the Capitol Square, one of the big attractions during the spring and summer are the flowers that are planted in our gardens," said DOA Secretary Mike Huebsch. "We're excited to see the designs the UW students come up with and look forward to partnering with the landscape program in years to come."

UW-Madison landscape students will be able to submit up to three designs per student, and DOA's Division of Facilities Management will bring the designs to the April 28th SCERB meeting for review and approval. The Board must approve the plans for the flower gardens because SCERB directs the maintenance and decorations of the property at the Capitol and Executive Residence.

SCERB may pick a design for one or all three of the Capitol 24 foot circles at the east, west and south corners of the Capitol Square. The north circle flower bed is a memorial for law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

On the 13.5 acres of Capitol grounds, there are 15 flowerbeds which hold more than 25,000 annual plants each year. The grounds are also home to 30 different variety of trees.

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