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A side-level representation of Catholic University students' design proposal for the Warrenton Town Centre.

## Students reimagine town shopping center

A pair of Catholic University students won first place in a contest to reimagine the Warrenton Town Centre.

The shopping center, at the corner of Frost Avenue and Van Roijen Street, contains businesses like Food Lion, Gold's Gym, Tri-une Shooting Sports — and a vast swath of parking space. The Rethink the Traditional Shopping Center challenge, funded by Kalis Holdings LLC, asked students at Catholic University's Real Estate Development Graduate Studio to create a new vision for the shopping center.

Last Friday, graduate students Alexander Collich and John Berrios won first place for their design, which consists of eight

buildings totaling nearly 700,000 square feet of leasable space.

The students' design foregoes the large parking space of the current design to create a grid of streets within the shopping center — plus a small park at the tip of the triangle, a civic building in the center, residential space, and a movie theater — an amenity Fauquier County has not enjoyed for years.

Second prize went to Dylan Beato. Third place was shared by Daniel Hinchcliff and the team of Pedro Gomide and Luis Sotelo. Andy Blackmore won \$50 for honorable mention.

To see a full top-down view of the award-winning design, visit [Fauquier.com](http://Fauquier.com).