The University of Arizona Student Union Memorial Center sponsored the UA Rooftop Garden Competition to design desert-friendly rooftop and mall-side gardens. Nic Tritz (CAEM), Robert Melvin (CAEM), Raul Moraga (CAEM), Daniel Gillespie (Environmental Sciences), and Brian Caplan (Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering) formed an interdisciplinary team and took on the challenge. Their design included the integration of greenhouses that schools across campus can use as teaching tools.

They took first place -- and $1,000 each in food court vouchers -- in the competition. The gardens will provide food for the Student Union's food pantry and Pangea restaurant.