



Grand Prize Awards



EARLY CHILDHOOD/ELEMENTARY

LEFT: **CHERRY CREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Bellevue, Washington

NAC | Architecture

Jury comments:

“This is a spectacular project that is beautifully and consistently detailed and has pleasing varied spaces for a variety of learning situations. I especially like the Learning Stair.”

“Great elevation solutions and yet simplistic. Inviting and functional core and common areas.”

“This has it all going on!”

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

BELOW: **THE DONALD JULIAN REAVES STUDENT ACTIVITIES CENTER, WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY**

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Woolpert, Inc.

Jury comments:

“A nice project, with lively student spaces.”

“Good use of a restrained site in terms of topography and size limitations.”

“Outstanding daylighting techniques and ‘afterglow’ technologies.”

Both projects were praised for their embracing of all the right design features, as well as the inherent benefits for staff, students, and community members alike. **But they also featured those intangibles that elevate a project from being “merely” excellent to worthy of being called the best of the bunch.**





Winston-Salem State University

Winston-Salem, NC

New Construction/Addition Student Center/Union

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DESIGN TEAM

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OWNER/CLIENT

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: Post-Secondary
Capacity: 6,163 students
Size of Site: 2.24 acres
Building Area: 95,781 sq. ft.
Space per Student: 15.61 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$4,705
Square Foot Cost: \$302
Construction Cost: \$29,000,000
Project Cost: \$30,700,00
Completion Date: August 2013
Sustainability Rating System/Applied/
Status/Level: LEED Gold

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The Donald Julian Reaves Student Activities Center was constructed in response to the continued growth and campus-enhancement efforts of Winston-Salem State University (WSSU). WSSU challenged the Woolpert and Moody Nolan design team to create a signature building—a place to “see and be seen in”—to serve as a gateway to the central campus. Built into a hillside, the three-level



facility’s unique placement provides a natural transition between the academic core and the main residential campuses. New key spaces include a campus hall, basketball courts, gymnasium, suspended walking/jogging track, fitness areas, commuter and student lounges, meeting rooms, offices for student organizations, and a four-vendor food court with dining areas. The facility improved the quality of life for students by providing a new social heart for the campus, easily accessible by foot, bike, or transit.

The project received LEED Gold certification due, in part, to a civil and landscape design that successfully infiltrates water, provides rainwater treatment on site, reduces the heat-island effect created by dense development, and utilizes existing parking. This sustainable design reduces operational costs and translates into substantial savings for the university—48% less water use and 37% less energy use.

