



Calvin Christian School & Kodet Architectural Group Win AIA Minneapolis Merit Award

Minneapolis, MN — Kodet Architectural Group accepted a 2010 American Institute of Architects (AIA) Merit Award for the addition and remodel of Edina's Calvin Christian School at the AIA annual luncheon held June 16, 2010. The architectural team was asked to transform a 1950's box school into a dynamic educational facility that reflects both the quality of education offered and a place for school activities. The design greatly enhanced the site as well as reflecting the adjacent residential context.

"With the new addition, a new face was presented to the community and visitors arriving at Calvin Christian School. The plan for the addition was to create a more welcoming entrance into the building," said Edward Kodet of Kodet Architectural Group. "With the schools location next to a public park, we took advantage of the area's natural beauty and used windows and natural lighting to help create an identifying statement at the entrance and in the new media center," he went on to say.

Improving safety, security, and enhancing the environment where students learn were the primary goals behind the project. Kodet Architectural Group worked closely with staff and parents to provide the school with both a new image and more importantly, much needed additional space. The addition also transformed an existing parking lot into a landscape feature that provided more space, and separated bus and automobile traffic.

The new addition and layout allows for; central control and monitoring of visitors, more instructional space, and a better connection between multiple educational functions. The successfulness of the project has provided a place for the school and community to gather and is welcoming to all who visit.

In attendance to accept the award were Craig Veurink and Karen Christensson from the Calvin Christian School and several members of the Kodet Architectural Group, including; Ed Kodet, President, and Teri Nagel, Project Designer.

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