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San Dimas High School Gymnasium Modernization & Expansion

San Dimas, CA

Renovation/Adaptive Reuse/Restoration
Sports Facility/Fitness Center

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 9-12
Capacity: 2,866 students
Size of Site: 11.5 acres
Building Area: 31,768 sq. ft.
Building Volume: 862,841 cu. ft.
Square Foot Cost: \$227
Construction Cost: \$7.2 million
Contract Date: Feb. 2011
Completed: Feb. 2013

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San Dimas High School has served its community with distinction since 1970, earning a place on Newsweek Magazine's list of "America's Best High Schools." Drawing on community pride in the school's academic and athletic achievements, the gymnasium modernization and expansion

project aimed to achieve a transformative effect on the campus.

The most dramatic feature is the modern metal-panel entry façade. In addition to providing the gymnasium with an attractive landmark identity that is seamlessly integrated with existing portions of the building, the façade defines an entrance lobby that smoothly guides circulation in and out of the building. It also creates a strong impression for fans, families, and members of opposing teams that enter the building. For the student athletes and the

public who come to support them at games, the gymnasium is a renewed and dynamic expression of the school's "Saints" pride.

A major improvement that provided the athletic program with flexible training spaces consisted of expanding the gymnasium with an additional practice court enhanced by motorized backstops and bleachers. Additional renovation work for the 31-foot-high concrete-frame/brick in-fill building included: reconfiguring the weight room, locker rooms, and toilets; and providing new finishes throughout the building.

