



AIA Nevada Young Architect Award

2023 AxNV DSA – Distinguished Service Program

Hung Tran, AIA, LEED AP, NCARB



Hung Tran leading a discussion with high school students during an ACE Mentors of Southern Nevada Event

Nomination Letter



November 6, 2023

AIA Nevada
1131 S. Casino Center Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89104

Attn: AIA NEVADA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS COMMITTEE

RE: 2023 AIA Nevada Young Architect Award Nomination Letter for Hung Tran, AIA

Dear AIA Nevada Young Architect Award Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I have the privilege to provide this nomination in support of Hung Tran for the AIA Nevada Young Architect Award. I collaborated with Hung on a multitude of projects over the course of approximately six years while we worked together at Gensler of Nevada and have maintained contact with him since those days.

Hung has been generous with his time, giving back to our community by volunteering as a mentor to high school students who are aspiring to be architects themselves. He volunteers and actively supports the AIA High School Design Competition, AIA Education Outreach Committee, and AIA UNLV School of Architecture Committee, and ACE Mentoring along with various other community organizations. Through these organizations he has taught design classes at UNLV and CSN and leads the ACE Program as a Board Member. His efforts help bring real world experience to these students beyond what their academic instructors could provide.

It is through this type of dedication within the community and the profession that I can think of no other individual who is more deserving to be selected as your recipient for the AIA Nevada Young Architect Award than Hung Tran.

I can be reached at 702-261-3441 for further comment regarding Hung Tran. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher E. Fenton, AIA".

Christopher E. Fenton, AIA
Airport Senior Manager - Design
Harry Reid International Airport
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Office: (702) 261-3441
Mobile: (702) 970-1461

Hung teaching AAE 382 Design Studio II Course
Spring 2023 at UNLV



Biography

EDUCATION

2005 - Master of Architecture,
Texas A&M University College of
Architecture

2002 - Bachelor of Science in
Architecture, University of Nevada
Las Vegas School of Architecture
University Honors, Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2016 - Present NCARB
2015 - Present Licensed Architect, NV
2007 - Present LEED Accredited

WORK HISTORY

2021 – Present
Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto
Architects, Senior Project Manager

2014-2021
Gensler, Project Architect/Project
Manager

2012-2014
Cunningham Group Architecture,
Inc., Designer

2009-2012
Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto
Architects, Project Coordinator

2008-2009
BBG-BBGM Architecture + Design,
Designer

2005-2008
Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto
Architects, Junior Designer/Job
Captain

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Hung Tran is a Senior Project Manager at Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto Architects. He graduated Cum Laude from UNLV School of Architecture with a Bachelor of Science and received a Master's degree from Texas A&M University College of Architecture.

Hung has over 18 years of architectural experience and has developed a deep expertise in all aspects related to design, construction documentation and client service. He has worked for prominent and award-winning firms on a wide range of projects including k-12 and higher education, residential, retail, themed entertainment, community centers, office and aviation.

Education is a key driver for Hung. It has been fundamental in his career, and it is the backdrop of how he spends much of his personal time.

Hung is passionate about educating and mentoring young professionals and underserved communities to bring about more diverse and inclusive voices to the architecture profession. Of personal importance, **Hung is committed to the mission of the ACE Mentors of Southern Nevada program**, a local non-profit affiliate of a national organization dedicated to engaging high school students to pursue careers in architecture, construction, and engineering through mentoring and providing continued support and scholarships for their advancement into the industry. Additionally, **Hung is actively engaged with the AIA Education Outreach Committee and the AIA UNLV School of Architecture Committee in addition to being an adjunct professor at UNLV.**

Hung continues to develop his passion for design excellence and craft through his work with the Clark County School District. He has **worked on multiple award-winning projects** such as the Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy High School, Nevada State College Liberal Arts and Sciences Building, City of Henderson Senior Center, the RTC Mobility Training Center, and the McCarran International Gates Expansion.

Hung believes that design is a collaborative process that takes a team to execute great projects. His clear communication style, ability to analyze and dissect complex issues, and astute understanding of client needs helps him deliver successful projects and makes him a trusted advisor to his clients and team members.

Hung enjoys traveling the world with his wife to experience the different cultures, architecture and especially the delicious cuisine.



Biography

Honors

Project Awards:

2021 NAIOP S. Nevada Honor Award, Special Use Under 100,000 Square Feet – Lee Canyon Hillside Lodge
2018 Thea Award Outstanding Achievement New Theme Park Land – Motiongate, Dubai
2017 ENR Best Project Airport / Transit – McCarran International Airport Gates Expansion
2017 NAIOP S. Nevada Merit Award, Parkdale Recreation and Senior Center
2016 AIA Nevada Merit Award, Built Category, Parkdale Recreation and Senior Center
2016 NAIOP S. Nevada Merit Award, Parkdale Recreation and Senior Center
2016 ENR SW Best Projects 2016 Merit Award, Parkdale Recreation and Senior Center
2016 NAIOP S. Nevada Spotlight Honor Award Government – RTC Mobility Training Center 2016 AIA Nevada Merit Award, Built Category, City of Las Vegas – 500 S. Main Parking Garage
2015 BOMA Outstanding Building of the Year, City of Henderson Senior Center
2013 NAIOP S. Nevada Merit Award, Community Impact, City of Las Vegas – 500 S. Main Parking Garage
2012 NAIOP S. Nevada Merit Award - Sustainability, City of Henderson Senior Center
2012 NAIOP S. Nevada Merit Award - Community Impact, City of Henderson Senior Center
2011 BOMA Toby Award - Earth Award, City of Henderson Senior Center
2010 SW Contractor Honorable Mention, Public Building, City of Henderson Senior Center
2008 SW Contractor Best Masonry, Nevada State University Liberal Arts and Sciences Building
2008 AIA Nevada Honor Award, Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy High School
2007 Southwest Contractor Best K-12, Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy High School
2006 AIA Honorable Mention [Un-Built], Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy High School
2004 AIA Nevada Citation Award, Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy High School
2004 CEFPI Southwest Region Monarch Award, Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy High School

Exhibits, Publications, Presentations and Other Honors

2015-2021 Developed and presented a series on Race & Diversity Training for Gensler focusing on creating a more equitable and diverse workplace through community outreach, mentoring and recruitment

2015 SC2 – Strong Cities, Strong Communities Design Competition – 2nd Place
2012 Gluttony in Design, Sin-City Design Competition, 2nd Place
2008 Contributor to “Does good equal sustainable?” *CE Magazine*, March:8-10. Print.
2005 Painting Category, Texas A&M University Art Festival, Honorable Mention
2003-2004 Texas A&M University Graduate Scholarship
1999-2002 Bally’s/Park Place Entertainment Scholarship Award
1998-2002 Dean’s Honor List University of Nevada Las Vegas

"As a parent of a 9th-grade ACE Mentor participant, I am grateful for Hung's commitment to our community and to the next generation of architects and construction and engineering professionals. From the very first ACE Mentor session, Hung has shown himself to be a passionate, generous, positive leader and role model who clearly loves the industry and profession he is in!"

- Tonya Twitchell, Vistage Chair
Las Vegas, Vistage Best Practice Chair – Las Vegas /
Utah/Montana, Vistage Chair
Excellence Award Winner

Achievements

Personal Narrative

Hailing from Da Nang, Vietnam and rooted in an immigrant family heritage, I carry a profound understanding of the transformative power of education and the impact it can have on the individual and the world around us. My passion for education extends well beyond award-winning work – my commitment to education is an intrinsic aspect of my identity, deeply woven into the fabric of both my role as an architect and as a human being. This core includes my dedication to the following:

ACE Mentors of Southern Nevada

AIA Education Outreach Committee

AIA UNLV School of Architecture Committee

UNLV Adjunct Professor Role

I am particularly passionate about the ACE mentoring Program that engages high school students to pursue careers in architecture, construction, and engineering. I have dedicated the past **9 years helping the ACE program grow from 10 students at a single location to over 100 students across the valley**. As a board member and Education Chair for the ACE program, we **provided \$56,000 in scholarships to students pursuing a post-secondary education or trade school**.

This past summer, I took on the role of mentorship, hosting and directly collaborating with a high school intern to guide an architectural design through each project phase. This student went on to pursue a degree in architecture at New Jersey Institute of Technology where my ongoing support remains available.

My commitment to giving back extends beyond individual mentorship; **actively engaged with the AIA Education Outreach Committee and the AIA UNLV School of Architecture Committee**, I have helped plan and participated at career fairs and given presentations to promote the AIA and foster enthusiasm for architecture among students. Through the AIA UNLV School of Architecture Committee, I was **invited to teach a 2nd year design studio at UNLV** and continue to support my Alma Mater. I have **served as a mentor and helped judge the AIA High School Design Competition**, working with students on their annual design challenges and pushed them to expand their ideas about design and what can be achieved. I have been active in academia as well and frequently serve as a guest lecturer, guest juror for design reviews, and have **taught architectural design at CSN**. In addition to my involvement in academia, I volunteer with various other local charities and non-profits, including Rebuilding Together, Dress for Success, and Three Square.

At my previous firm, **I spearheaded the Race & Diversity Initiative**, developing strategies for a more equitable and diverse workplace through community outreach, mentoring and recruitment. **Hosting difficult conversations about race and equality** with the entire staff, I advocated for increased inclusion and diversity in the architectural profession. Additionally, I continue to **constantly challenge myself with how equitable communities can be reflected in my design work**. One example of this work is with the Clark County School District where I have contributed to over 20 school facilities. Emphasizing new learning standards, my aim is to provide an optimal learning experience for every student, irrespective of economic or geographic status.

Thank you for your consideration for the AIA Nevada Young Architect Award. It is an honor to be nominated and your time is truly appreciated.



ACHIEVEMENTS

“Over the past two years I have seen Hung grow as not only a leader that is taking ACE to a new level but also, he shows his passion for Architecture and learning at every meeting that he helps facilitate. Hung is a true inspiration for the students as well as the mentors.”

- Tom Anderson, P.E.
President/Owner, TJK Consulting Engineers



Hung Tran at site walk with ACE students at Culinary Health Fund, a CSD project currently under construction

Academia

2023	University of Nevada, Las Vegas – AAE 382 Design Studio II Adjunct Faculty
2021	University of Nevada, Las Vegas – AAE 280 Design Foundation II Adjunct Faculty
2017	College of Southern Nevada – AAD 180 Fundamentals of Design I Adjunct Faculty
Multiple Years	College of Southern Nevada - Design Studio Guest Juror, Guest Lecturer
Multiple Years	University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Architecture Guest Juror
2005	Texas A&M University Graduate Assistant

Community Service and Volunteer Work:

2021-Present	ACE Mentoring Program Board Member, Education Chair, Mentor
2021	AIA UNLV School of Architecture Committee Member
2019-Present	AIA Education Outreach Committee Member
2020	ACE Mentoring Program – ATECH Guest Speaker, Mentor
2019	ACE Mentoring Program – CSN Western Team Leader, Mentor
2018	ACE Mentoring Program – NWCTA Education Committee Team Leader
2007-Present	AIA High School Design Competition Mentor / Judge
2017	ACE Mentoring Program – NWCTA Mentor / Guest Speaker
2016	ACE Mentoring Program – NWCTA Mentor
2014-2016	Rebuilding Together – Home Renovation Volunteer
Multiple Years	3 Square Food Bank Volunteer
2014	Opportunity Village - Magical Forest Volunteer
2013	Dress for Success Interior Renovation Volunteer
2007	AIA High School Design Competition Mentor
Multiple Years	Habitat for Humanity Volunteer

ACHIEVEMENTS

ACE Mentors of Southern Nevada

- Nine (9) years of dedicated volunteer service to this organization
- Over 1,000 hours of volunteered time
- Grew program from 10 students at a single high school to over 100 students across the valley and 5 different high schools
- Under Hung's leadership ACE has awarded \$56,000 in scholarships to date



Hung Tran presenting to students and parents during an ACE Mentoring Event



Hung Tran at an ACE Mentoring Session



Hung Tran facilitating ACE Mentoring Summer Internship student presentation



Hung Tran leading a WEEKLY Ace Mentoring virtual session

PUBLICATIONS

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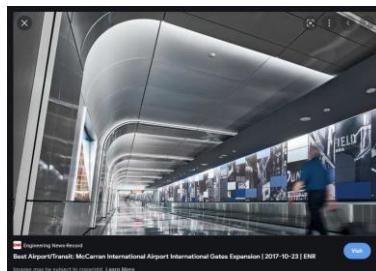
ENR Southwest's 2017 Best Projects

Best Airport/Transit: McCarran International Airport International Gates Expansion

October 25, 2017
McCarran International Airport International Gates Expansion
Las Vegas

Best Project

Owner/Developer: Clark County Dept. of Aviation
Lead Design Firm: Gensler
General Contractor: Martin Harris Construction



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GATES EXPANSION NAMED REGIONAL BEST PROJECT

SEPTEMBER 6, 2017



Engineering News-Record Southwest recently honored the McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas as a 2017 Regional Best Project. Our Henderson aviation team designed the gates expansion tunnel that was completed earlier this year.

According to the industry's leading publication, "An ENR Best Projects Award is considered one of commercial construction's most prestigious and coveted honors. It's a way to celebrate and honor the building teams who created the best projects of 2016-17 nationwide. These extraordinary projects are selected by juries of prominent industry professionals. Each year, a hands-on judging process involves a review of the project's design, engineering, DOA faculty, maintenance staff for design input, particularly regarding equipment serviceability, likes and dislikes," said Bob Colasunno, project manager and associate based out of our Las Vegas office. "Monthly check-in meetings were held to review and verify expectations in addition to conversations with subcontractors on how the system could be built."

"Our design approach was unique in the sense that we were designing a 900-foot high-rise building and laying it horizontal," Colasunno noted. "The passageway was sectioned into four concurrent 200-foot lengths."

Our team at Henderson put together a new mechanical design that features two zones of comfort cooling and smoke control through a new air handling unit and VAV system within the tunnel. A new chilled water supply and return line from the T3 central plant delivers chilled water to the air handling units of the new and previously existing D gates. Plumbing services include a duplex pump pump system for the foundation drainage, elevator pump pump system, and roof storm drain system for the exposed connection. The low voltage design for this expansion included IT design services for three new IDF rooms, door security, and CCTV security.

"One size doesn't fit all," Colasunno explained. "Extraordinary spaces require distinctive system approaches. Our team approach and buy-in allowed us to meet all expectations. I am really proud of the work of our team - this award is a credit to all of them."

Next time you arrive at the airport in the Entertainment Capital of the World, take a moment to enjoy the extraordinary work of our [H Team Henderson](#) colleagues.

Nevada Best of 2007

Andre Agassi High School and Gym

K-12 Education Project



Founded in 2001, the Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy in Las Vegas, Nev., provides academic programs in a socio-economically challenged neighborhood. Through technology, small class sizes and extended hours, the school hopes to improve skills and combat lowered expectations.

Began March 2005 and completed June 2007, the K-12 high school and gym are slab-on-grade, with masonry, structural

steel beams, joist and built-up roofing. The interior walls are exposed masonry with a few metal-framed drywall partitions. Exposed masonry and painted studio are on the exterior, with locally quarried quartzite tile at the entrance. The design ensured daylighting, with flying roof lines as well as glass curtainwalls in the office, large window areas in the gym and a clerestory windows with reflective fabric in the classrooms.

Submitted by: Sletten Construction of Nevada

Owner: Charter School Foundation
Architect: Carpenter Sellers Associates
General Contractor: Sletten Construction of Nevada

Engineers: Civil Works; John A. Martin & Associates; Pahor Mechanical Contractors; TJK Consulting Engineers

Major Subcontractors: Big Horn Construction; Bottoma Tile; Helix Electric; Hallgreen Company; Red Rose Roofing; O'Rourke Plumbing

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Henderson senior center wins regional building award | Las Vegas Review-Journal | <https://www.reviewjournal.com/local/henderson/henderson-senior-center-wins-regional-building-award/>

Henderson senior center wins regional building award



The Heritage Park Senior Facility and Aquatic Complex, near Racetrack and Burkholder Boulevard, received the Building Owners and Managers Association's 2019 Outstanding Building of the Year award for the Pacific Southwest region. (Review-Journal file photo)

By **Blake Apgar** Las Vegas Review-Journal

April 9, 2019 - 2:44 pm



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A Henderson senior facility and aquatic center won a regional award, the city announced Tuesday.

The Heritage Park Senior Facility and Aquatic Complex, near Racetrack Road and Burkholder Boulevard, received the Building Owners and Managers Association's 2019 Outstanding Building of the Year award for the Pacific Southwest region.

Henderson said the program judges buildings on many facets, including community involvement, tenant relations, site management and

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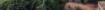
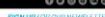
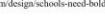
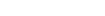
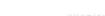
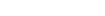
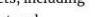
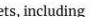
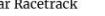
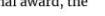
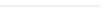
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Doris M. Reed Elementary School

Designers in Gensler's Las Vegas office used bump-outs, overhangs, and layered masonry courses, to create a dynamic facade for the Doris M. Reed Elementary School. When it came to color, the easy choice was the signature bright blue of the school's Roadrunner mascot.



PROJECTS



PUBLICATIONS

8 things to know about CCSD's new school year | Las Vegas Review-Journal <https://www.reviewjournal.com/local/education/8-things-to-know-about-ccsds-new-school-year/>

Nevada Best of 2008

Nevada State College Academic & Student Services Building

Masonry




At 42,587 sq ft, the Nevada State College Academic & Student Services Building is the first official building of this new school. Six classrooms, five laboratories and 48 faculty offices compose this facility, which comprise a centralized support zone for students, with along a 5% natural slope at the foot of a

mountain range, the building was designed in horizontal forms as to not to compete with the surrounding natural beauty.

Masonry block seamlessly reflects the landscape. Weathered copper roofing highlights the quality of the masonry, as well as its striking coloring. An indoor color palette

of charcoal, terra cotta and wine bold complements the exterior mason block construction. Concrete floors, slate and coppering shadow the light-filled, two-story lobby of the building.

Submitted by:
Owner: State of Nevada Public Works Board and Nevada State College
Architect: Carpenter Sellers Architects
Contractor: CORE Construction-Nevada
Subcontractors: Frazier Masonry Corp.
Engineers: Locha Engineering;
 JBA Consulting Engineers;
 Martin & Associates
Landscape Architect: Southwick
Subcontractors: Commercial Roofers,
 Glade Wilger & Sons Glass Co.;
 Robert Electric & Sons
 Triton Driveway & Paving;
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Blue Metal Panels Adorn School's Complex Façade in Las Vegas, Nevada

by Rob Heselbarth, director of communications, Petersen Aluminum Corporation

To say that the Doris M. Reed Elementary School project in Las Vegas, Nevada, was on a fast track is a bit of an understatement. School administrators were getting approval to sign a design contract in June 2017 for the new classroom building, which welcomed its first students in August of the next year. Despite what was obviously a speedy construction schedule, the finished

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Clark County School District Superintendent Jesus Jara, arrives to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony for the replacement school of Ferron Elementary School in Las Vegas, Friday, Aug. 6, 2021. (Chitose Suzuki / Las Vegas Review-Journal) [suzuki@review-journal.com](#)

By Julie Wootton-Greener Las Vegas Review-Journal

August 8, 2021 - 7:52 pm

Updated 4/20/2021 10:17

More than 300,000 Clark County School District students headed back to classrooms Monday for a new school year.

Schools Superintendent Jesus Jara and Jennifer Vobis, director of transportation, kicked off the day by giving a send-off to bus drivers just after 5 a.m. at the district's Arville Transportation Yard. Hundreds of buses started to roll out of the yard to transport kids just as the sun was starting to rise.



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THEA AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT: NEW THEME PARK LAND

DreamWorks Animation Zone at MOTIONGATE™ Dubai, Dubai Parks and Resorts, UAE

The DreamWorks Animation Zone at MOTIONGATE™ Dubai is an indoor land in the park featuring sub-lands focusing on DreamWorks animated intellectual properties, immersing guests into "Shrek," "How to Train Your Dragon," "Madagascar" and "Kung Fu Panda."

The exterior of the building/land is representative of the DreamWorks logo and has static characters from DreamWorks photo ops. Just inside is the Fountain of Dreams rotunda, with bronze sculptures of the featured DreamWorks characters. Adjacent to the rotunda is the main DreamWorks Store.

Each zone is highly themed with excellent theatrical lighting, audio, immersive environments, strong graphics (the Madagascar area is a particular note in this category) and moments of discovery. Major attractions within the land/building include:

- **Dragon Gilders:** This roller coaster uses the ride system to great effect, passing custom CGI sets from "How to Train Your Dragon," dimensional scenes with animatronics, and bursting out into an enclosed area development for a dragon's-eye view of the themed land below.
- **Shrek's Merry Fairy Tale Journey:** An epic-scale, trackless ride through a retelling of the first Shrek motion picture.
- **Madagascar Mad Pursuit:** An indoor launch coaster in the dark.
- **Kung Fu Panda: Unstoppable Awesomeness:** Multi-platform, high-capacity 40 simulator theater



The DreamWorks land feels like a theme park within a theme park

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 ARCHITECTURAL RECORD SHOW CASE 2010

City of Henderson Senior Center

Henderson, Nev.



PHOTO BY RANDI L. STONE



The building design is a symbolic geometry, with sloping roof planes that bend toward the earth to become wall planes for an easy transition to the landscape and beyond.

Safety, security, views and ease of movement through the facility were principal goals of the design.



Craft rooms are among the senior activity spaces within the senior center.

A building that sits lightly on the land" is how City of Henderson officials described their vision for the new senior center. This statement is the driving force behind the design of this single-story facility, which is also designed to fit in with the landscape.

The senior center houses a health and wellness center, a commercial kitchen, a multipurpose/dining area, craft rooms, a game room, conference rooms, a movie room, administrative spaces and a library. The exterior design carries a similar geometry with sloping roof planes that bend down toward the earth and become wall planes for an easy transition to the landscape and beyond. Safety, security, views and ease of movement through the facility were also primary goals of the design. Walking distances, accessibility and lighting were considered and activity spaces grouped together, and restrooms were strategically placed throughout.

The interior design is a mix of earthy and contemporary elements and bold colors. The exterior rock gabion wall extends into the lobby and into the lobby space. Cork floors add to the natural feel while high-style lighting, contemporary cherry wood and splashes of chartruese and tomato red play off the earthy elements. The coffee shop is filled with natural light and highlighted by a coffee bar, a red cherry wood cubby wall to display artwork created at the center. High-back booths, tables and club chairs provide multiple nodes of interaction in the coffee shop.

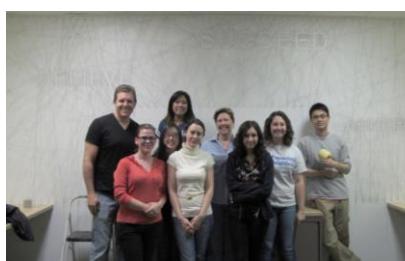
ARCHITECT OF RECORD:
Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto Architects
Las Vegas, Nev.

OCCUPANCY: December 2009
COST: \$11.9 million
SQUARE FEET: 29,890

WWW.ATHLETICBUSINESS.COM/SHOWCASE JUNE 2010 ATHLETIC BUSINESS 55

Community Service

Community Involvement



ARCHITECTURAL WORK

Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy High School

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

Size: 76,000 SF

Completion Date: 2021

Architect of Record | Design Firm: Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto Architects

Awards:

2008 AIA Nevada Honor Award

2007 SW Contractor Best K-12

2006 AIA Honorable Mention [Un-Built]

2004 AIA Nevada Citation Award

2004 CEFPI Southwest Region Monarch Award



ARCHITECTURAL WORK

Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy High School

The Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy underwent a comprehensive design-build project, creating a new campus with a focus on a high school and gymnasium. The total building area is around 145,000 square feet, with the high school and gymnasium occupying about 91,000 square feet.

The middle school was designed to support the construction of a portion of the high school above it, with a shared art and science area. The gymnasium boasts impressive facilities, including retractable bleachers, basketball hoops, volleyball courts, locker rooms, a climbing wall, dance studio, weight room, and administrative areas.

Daylighting enhances the learning spaces, and the school is equipped with modern amenities like smart boards and facilities for remote learning. Additional features include science labs, a wood and metal shop, an art studio, and an expanded art gallery. The High School Commons serves as the central social space for students.



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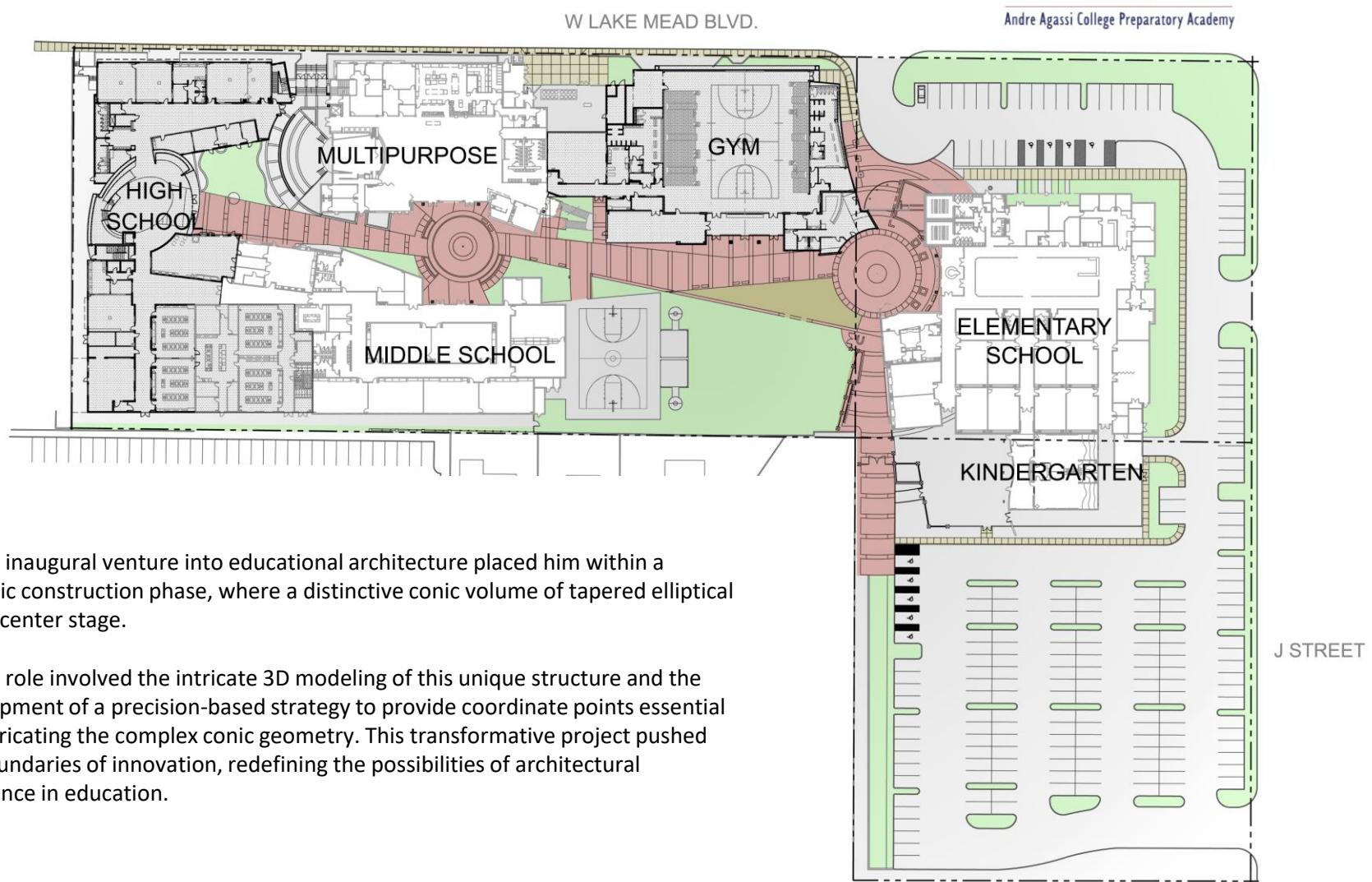
Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy High School

In choosing CSD for the school that bears my name and is the most important work of my life, it came down to trust. I believe we were doing more than building a school, we were entrusting a firm to create an environment of excellence, a culture of respect and learning. We looked extensively for a team that would show respect for our dream, our future students and the history of the neighborhood. We looked for the tangibles in their portfolio and the intangibles in their character and values. The principals at CSD were by far the most worthy of that trust. They have exceeded our best hopes and our highest standards in ways that are immeasurable.

- Andre Agassi, Founder Andre Agassi Foundation for Education



Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy



Hung's inaugural venture into educational architecture placed him within a dynamic construction phase, where a distinctive conic volume of tapered elliptical a took center stage.

Hung's role involved the intricate 3D modeling of this unique structure and the development of a precision-based strategy to provide coordinate points essential for fabricating the complex conic geometry. This transformative project pushed the boundaries of innovation, redefining the possibilities of architectural excellence in education.

ARCHITECTURAL WORK

Nevada State University Liberal Arts and Sciences Building

Location: Henderson Nevada

Size: 42,000 SF

Completion Date: 2008

Architect of Record | Design Firm: Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto Architects

Awards: 2008 SW Contractor Best Masonry



Nevada State University Liberal Arts and Sciences Building, nestled on 5 acres of the expansive 550-acre campus stands as the inaugural structure. The design prioritizes creating a campus-like atmosphere within the building, with seamless integration of indoor and outdoor spaces that serve as hubs for study and social interaction. The concept of a centralized support zone for science, labs and classrooms fosters a dynamic faculty-student interaction.

A color palette of charcoal, terra cotta and wine is bold, unexpected and youthful. Concrete floors, slate and carpeting accent the bold color choices and compliment a light filled, 2-story lobby. To mitigate lengthy corridors, the ceiling vacillates between an open, wine-color expanse to a drop-down ceiling with light colors. The result is a sophisticated and functional space that sets the tone for the campus's architectural identity.

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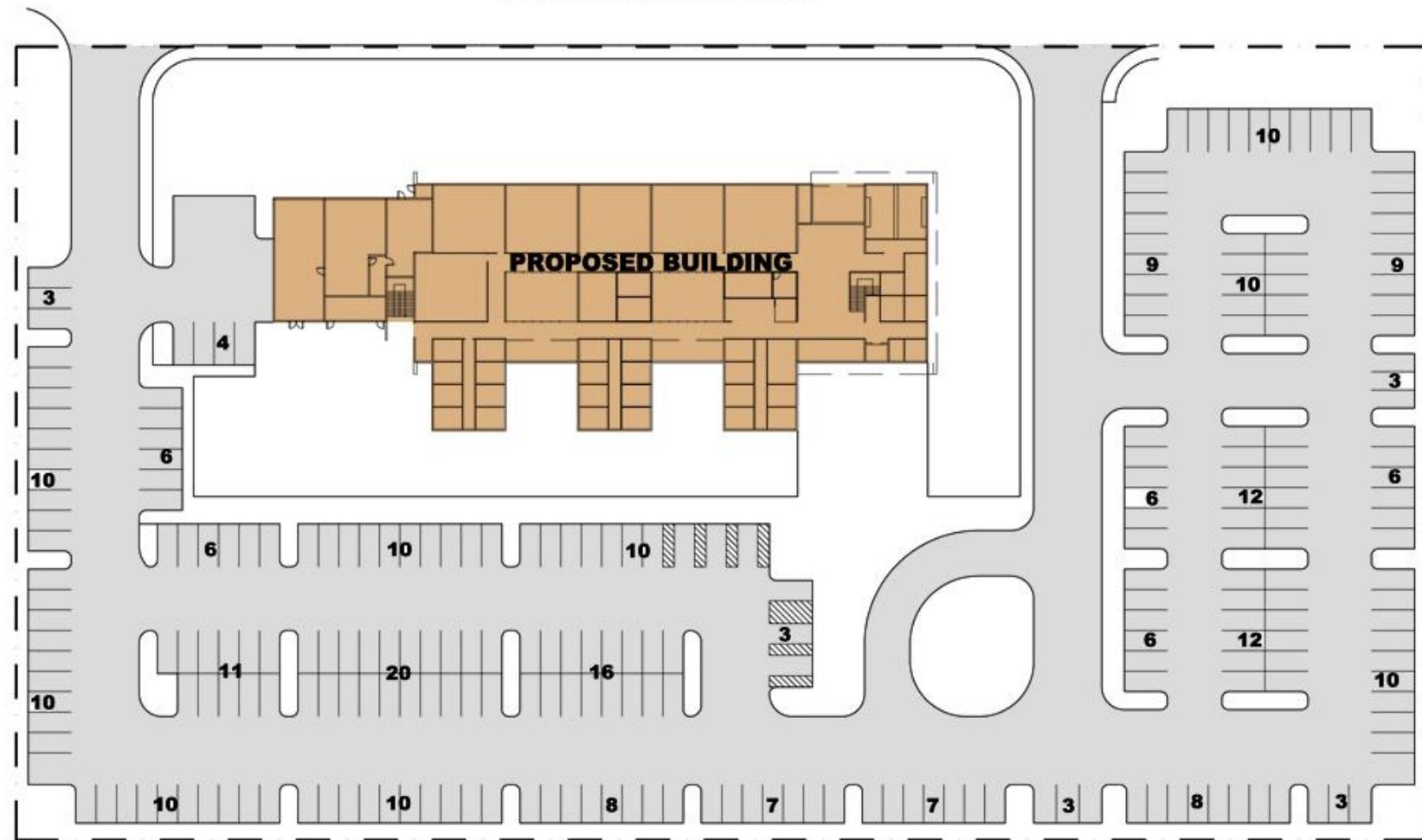
Nevada State University Liberal Arts and Sciences Building



ARCHITECTURAL WORK

Nevada State University Liberal Arts and Sciences Building

PARADISE HILLS DRIVE



ARCHITECTURAL WORK

City of Henderson Senior Center



Location: Henderson, Nevada

Size: 29,350 SF

Completion Date: 2009

Architect of Record | Design Firm: Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto Architects

Awards:

2015 BOMA Outstanding Building of the Year

2012 NAIOP Merit Award - Sustainability

2012 NAIOP Merit Award - Community Impact

2011 BOMA Toby Award - Earth Award

2010 SW Contractor Honorable Mention, Public Building



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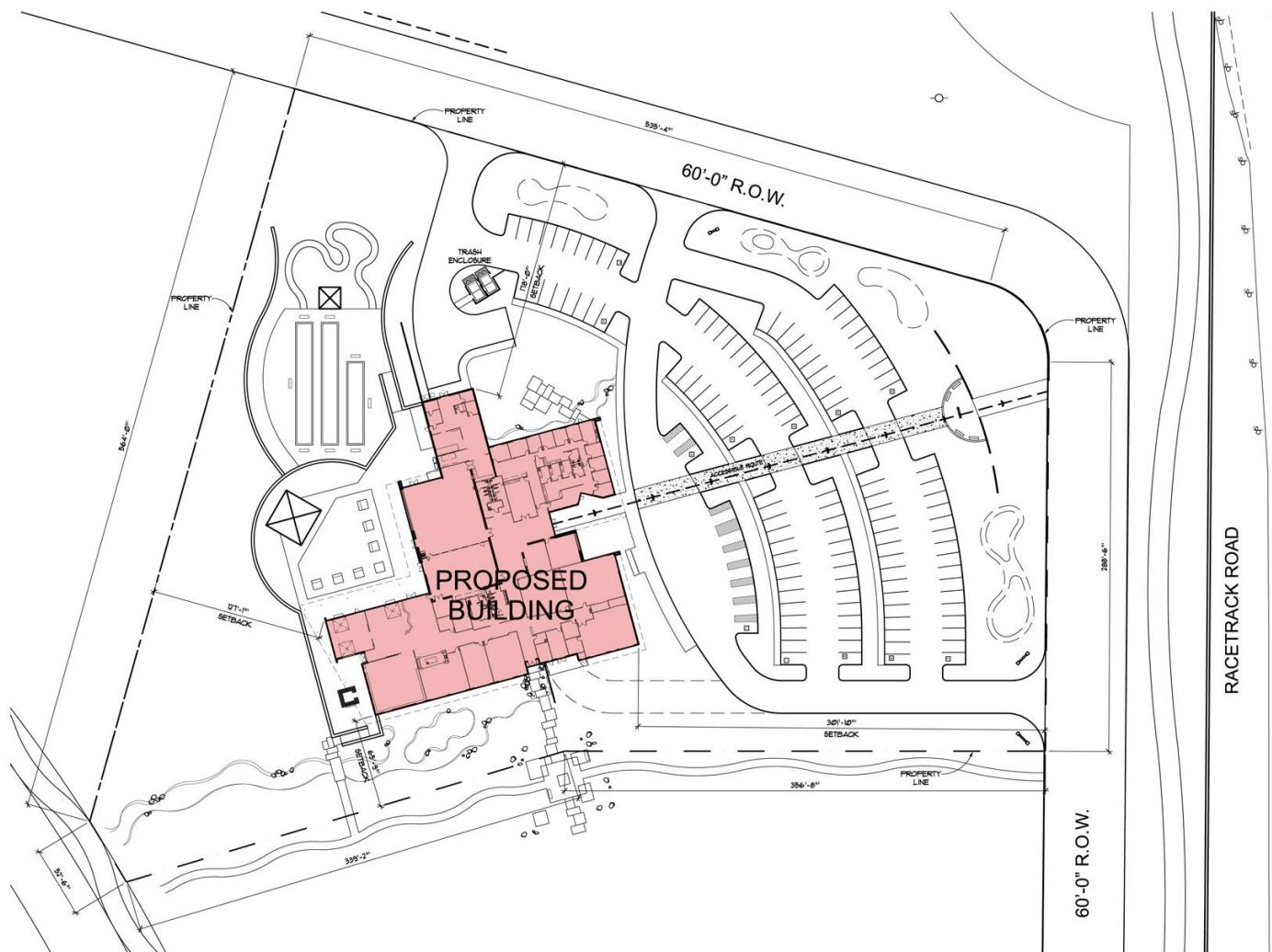
City of Henderson Senior Center



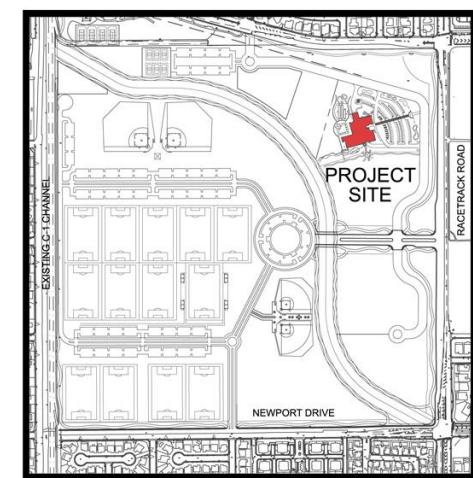
"A building that sits lightly on the land" is how the City of Henderson described their vision of the new Senior Center. We worked closely with the City of Henderson and the Senior Center Design Committee to analyze sites, program and design the new Senior Center to create a facility that sits lightly on the land both aesthetically and environmentally. The senior center houses a commercial kitchen, dining area, wellness center, crafts rooms, game room, fitness / weight rooms, multipurpose room, conference rooms, movie room and admin spaces. Outdoor spaces include a BBQ area, and exterior game spaces.

ARCHITECTURAL WORK

City of Henderson Senior Center



SITE INFORMATION	
JURISDICTION	CITY OF HENDERSON
CURRENT ZONING	APN # 179-16-301-001
AREA	6.44 ACRES - 281,299 SF.
BUILDING	SENIOR FACILITY: NET UNCOVERED LOT AREA : 251,529 SF. 25,766 SF. 12 SPACES MIN. 12 SPACES
FLOOR AREA RATIO	TOTAL LOT COVERAGE 23,166 SF / NET UNCOVERED LOT AREA 251,529 SF = 12 MAX ALLOWED = 12 PROVIDED = 12
PARKING REQUIREMENTS	TOTAL COMBINED PARKING REQUIREMENTS = 120 SPACES MIN. TOTAL PARKING PROVIDED = 131 SPACES H.C. PARKING REQUIRED PER CITY OF HENDERSON = 12 SPACES TOTAL H.C. PARKING PROVIDED = 9 SPACES



Vicinity Map

ARCHITECTURAL WORK

Clark County School District Ferron Elementary School



Ferron Elementary School, a beacon of educational transformation within the Clark County School District (CCSD). This contemporary design is not merely a replacement elementary school; it is a symbol of progress, blending form and function seamlessly. The concrete tilt-up structure, featuring a standalone classroom building and a multipurpose room with a kitchen addition, has breathed new life into the learning environment for students and staff.

ARCHITECTURAL WORK

Clark County School District Ferron Elementary School

In response to the changing needs of the community and the evolving demands of education, Ferron Elementary School underwent a remarkable metamorphosis. The legacy of the old school was respectfully put to rest, making way for a state-of-the-art learning facility, meticulously designed to cater to the scholastic needs of approximately 720 elementary school students.

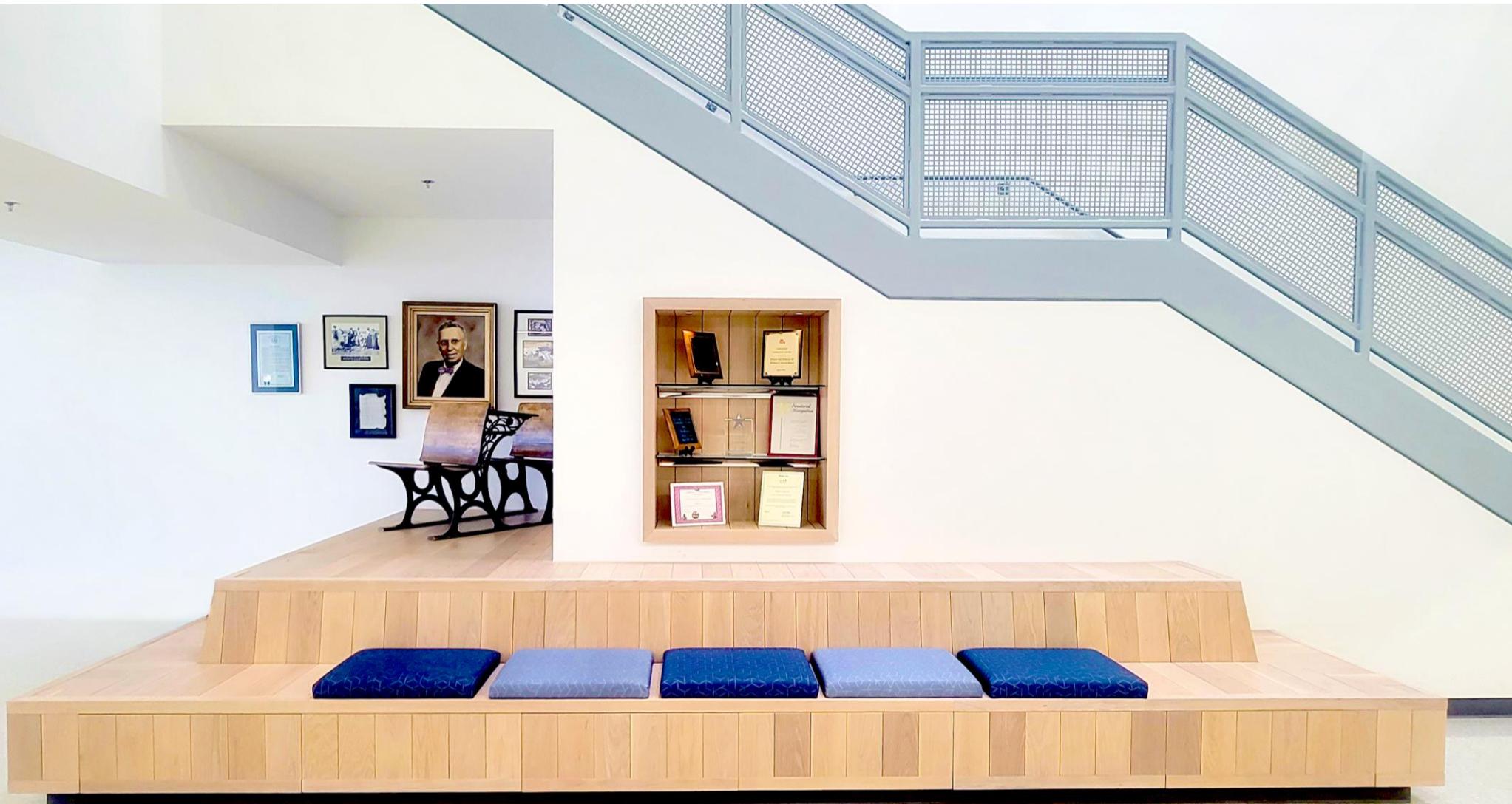


ARCHITECTURAL WORK

Clark County School District Ferron Elementary School

Hung Tran led the project team from the inception of the project's design phase to its realization during construction and demonstrated unwavering commitment and a deep understanding of the project's objectives. Working in close collaboration with various CCSD stakeholders, he championed a shared vision and navigated the complexities of the changing educational landscape.

It was a privilege to witness the positive transformation this project has brought to our communities, and the legacy of Ferron Elementary School will continue to inspire generations of learners.



ARCHITECTURAL WORK

Clark County School District – Brinley Middle School Prototype

Brinley Middle School is an adaptive prototype design for the Clark County School District and allows for future schools to be planned to house both 1,050 and 1,250 student populations. During the process, both two-story and three-story building schemes were studied taking into consideration learning programs, security and safety, and square footage. Each of these key requirements were addressed all while providing access to daylight for every classroom and learning space.



Exterior -Rendering of Entry

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

Size: 142,213 SF | 1,050 Student Population

Completion Date: Projected Completion 2025

Architect of Record | Design Firm: Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto Architects

ARCHITECTURAL WORK

Clark County School District – Brinley Middle School Prototype



Brinley Middle School, designed as a replacement for the existing facility, is a forthcoming architectural endeavor poised to accommodate 1,050 students. Spanning approximately 142,000 square feet, the new school will be strategically positioned on the current fields and play area, featuring dedicated learning centers for sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. Encompassing various centers for administration, resource materials, student activities, physical education, fine and performing arts, theater, arts and technology, as well as maintenance and operations, the design underscores a holistic approach to educational infrastructure. Post-construction, the existing middle school will make way for expansive fields and a rejuvenated play area, culminating in a seamless fusion of modern functionality and recreational spaces.

ARCHITECTURAL WORK

Clark County School District – Brinley Middle School Prototype



Hung Tran's leadership has been pivotal, steering the team seamlessly from the project's design inception to its current construction phase. Demonstrating adeptness in championing a shared vision, Hung has skillfully navigated the intricate terrain of the evolving educational landscape, collaborating effectively with diverse CCSD stakeholders. His leadership has not only ensured the project's progress but has also contributed to a harmonious integration of varied perspectives, marking a significant stride in the dynamic intersection of design and education.

"Hung is exceptionally talented and well versed with all aspects of design with a deep technic knowledge which allows him to lead and manage all phases of a project from start to finish - a unique quality which is exceptionally rare in our profession."

-Justin Lam, RA NCARB, Former CCSD Director of Construction Management

LETTERS OF SUPPORT



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To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing to enthusiastically recommend Hung Tran, AIA, LEED AP for the AIA Nevada Young Architect Award.

We've had the privilege of working with Hung since 2005. He has worked for our firm on three separate occasions and is currently serving as a Senior Project Manager, which is a testament to the value and contribution he brings to CSD Architects and his projects, particularly with his deep knowledge in educational facilities.

We've witnessed Hung's expertise, innovative design sensibilities and unwavering commitment that he brings to each project. Hung played a pivotal role on the Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy High School and Gymnasium and is currently leading the team working on three middle school replacements for the Clark County School District.

His passion for creating enriching, functional, sustainable, and aesthetically pleasing learning environments is inspiring. Hung's leadership on education projects has consistently resulted in spaces that foster creativity, collaboration, and student engagement. His attention to detail and keen understanding of the evolving needs of educational institutions have led to the development of adaptable spaces that can accommodate a variety of learning styles and activities. This adaptability is crucial in today's educational landscape, where flexibility is key to creating dynamic and effective learning environments.

Hung excels in client relations. He works diligently to address client concerns while delivering exceptional architectural solutions. His ability to communicate complex architectural concepts in a clear and accessible manner has greatly contributed to building trust and lasting relationships with our clients.

In addition to his professional achievements, Hung is also deeply committed to mentoring younger staff members. He has taken on the role of a mentor with enthusiasm and patience, guiding less experienced team members and helping them develop their skills and confidence. His mentorship has had a significant impact on the growth and professional development of our junior staff, fostering a culture of learning and continuous improvement within our firm.

As former recipients of this prestigious award, we unreservedly recommend Hung for the AIA Nevada Young Architect Award. He is not just an architect with exceptional talent but also a compassionate and dedicated leader to young people in our community. His body of work, community engagement and leadership within the architectural community make him highly deserving of this award.

Thank you for considering our recommendation. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to strongly recommend Hung Tran as a candidate for the AIA Young Architect Award.

I am a fourth-year Architecture student at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and I had the honor to be Professor Tran's student for two semesters. He was my professor during my first studio course, Fall 2020, when I was still not sure what architecture entailed. Hung Tran's teachings helped me understand the purpose and problem-solving nature of good design; it changed my perspective on the profession and set a foundation for my own career.

From early on, during our Second-Year Studio, Professor Tran taught us about our responsibility to the welfare of people and the impact of architecture on our health, comfort, and happiness. He also introduced us to the International Building Code and ADA, reinforcing their importance in our designs even at an earlier stage of our development. Nonetheless, Professor Tran always supported our creative thinking, pushing us to design meaningfully and sustainably to reinvigorate the community. Our projects often resembled his community-driven values: designing public schools, renovating a deteriorated strip mall at UNLV, and detail-making to understand the versatility of building materials to achieve more vibrant and realistic projects. This versatility also translated into our presentation skills in the way we innovatively used digital media to showcase our projects and our use of different mediums of modeling materials to create accurate physical representations.

Professor Tran's communication skills and attitude were also some of the drivers of our studios' success. His class was as challenging as it was fulfilling. His truthful guidance led us to very successful projects at the end of the semester and the knowledge we gained prepared us for our first internships.

Likewise, I was thoroughly impressed to know that Professor Tran dedicates his free time to the community while also working at Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto. He is part of a mentorship program where he guides young high school students interested in architecture and every other semester, he teaches studio courses at UNLV. His dedication to working full-time at a firm, teaching 12-hour undergraduate studios weekly, and mentoring high-school students during the weekends, exhibits Hung Tran's contribution to the profession of architecture and the community.

Sincerely,

Melani de Posada

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Undergraduate Student

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

LETTERS OF SUPPORT



November 6, 2023

Dear Review Committee,

I am writing to unreservedly recommend Hung Tran for the AIA Nevada Young Architect Award. As the previous Director of Construction Management with the Clark County School District (CCSD), I have had the pleasure of working closely with Hung on a multitude of additions, renovations and ground up projects over the past 8 years and can attest to his remarkable contributions to the field of architecture and unwavering dedication to the community. Hung is undoubtedly a standout candidate for this prestigious award based on the criteria provided.

Hung possesses an unrivaled depth of technical knowledge and an exceptional skill set, particularly in the realm of educational projects. His ability to understand the unique requirements of educational institutions is unparalleled. With a deep appreciation for the intricacies of these projects, Hung consistently delivers innovative designs that cater to the diverse needs of students, educators, and the broader community through his work with CCSD.

One of Hung's most commendable attributes is his commitment to research and continuous learning. His deep knowledge of educational architecture extends beyond the surface. He invests significant time in understanding the latest pedagogical approaches, best practices in school design, and evolving technologies that enhance the educational experience through his involvement with organizations like the Association for Learning Environments (A4LE). This scholarly approach ensures that his designs are not just aesthetically pleasing but also highly functional, keeping pace with the dynamic needs of modern educational institutions.

In conclusion, I enthusiastically endorse Hung Tran as a deserving candidate for the AIA Nevada Young Architect Award. His contributions to the profession of architecture, deep knowledge of educational projects, and exceptional skill set make him an ideal candidate for this prestigious award. Hung's combination of expertise, innovative problem-solving, and commitment to mentorship and teaching truly sets him apart as a visionary architect in our community.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information or clarification regarding my endorsement of Hung Tran. I wholeheartedly support his nomination and believe that he is an ideal candidate for this distinguished recognition.

Sincerely,

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Justin Lam, RA NCARB

Director of Architecture