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ICMA's 13th Annual Excellence in Masonry

The Indiana Concrete Masonry Association held its 13th annual Excellence in Masonry Awards ceremony in January at the Westin Indianapolis. Attending were architects, mason contractors, project owners and members to honor selected projects for the 2006 Awards Program. Enclosed are the winners honored that night.

The jury was unanimous in its selection of this educational building for this award's program highest award ... The Excellence in Masonry Award.

The very well-considered and beautifully executed use of both clay and concrete masonry units provide a great example of the versatility of masonry as both an exterior and interior material. The use of red brick on the exterior offers a very strong counterpoint to the metal and glass used above. The design at the interface of the materials indicates a strong sense of both esthetic and technical detailing skills. The skills are evident in the carry-over of the use of both brick and glazed CMU's in both the large rooms, public circulation areas and corridors. An outstanding place for kids to learn!

Excellence in Masonry Carmel Freshman Center

Architect: Fanning Howey Associates **Owner:** Carmel Clay Schools
Mason: Purdy Masonry, Inc. **Supplier:** Edgewood Building Supply, Inc.





Education Design Award **Frank O'Bannon Elementary School**

Architect: Fanning Howey Associates

Owner: School City of Hammond

Mason: Gough, Inc.

Supplier: General Shale

The Frank O'Bannon Elementary School is worthy of the Educational Design Award for its straightforward and well-designed use of masonry on both the exterior and interior. The esthetic expression on the exterior owes its strength of imagery to the carefully-chosen, and well-scaled use of brick, concrete masonry units, and stone. The emphasis on horizontal coursing of these three materials aids in establishing a smaller-scaled imagery, an important consideration in the design of an elementary school. The architects have carefully chosen the color, texture, and placement of these three masonry products so as to form a strong statement of an educational facility where quality was sought and achieved, a testimony to the effective partnership of school board client, architects, and masonry contractor and craftsman. The use of concrete masonry units in the interior staircases and gymnasium reinforces the notion that this is a material that combines beauty, durability and a cost-effectiveness ... certainly an important triad of criteria for material selection in school buildings.



Educational Design Award **Fishers High School**

Architect: Fanning Howey Associates

Owner: Hamilton Southeastern Schools

Mason: Hagerman Construction

Supplier: Irvin-Rogers Brick & Block

Fishers High School was selected by the jury for its use of extensive use of concrete masonry units on the both the exterior and interior of this building. The selection of CMU's in the corridors recognizes their durability and economy, especially when the integral color and ground aggregate are intrinsic to the esthetic expression. The color selection and workmanship is also well done.



Hardscape Residential Design Award **Gaff Residence**

Owner: Robert and Karen Gaff

Hardscape Contractor: Rick's Landscaping

Supplier: Masolite

The jury used a version of Mies' old adage to sum up this project, 'Good design is celebrated in the details.' Of the submissions in this category ... this project stood out for its very well-considered use of various concrete masonry units for wall, decking, and stair materials. The designers met the challenges imposed by the site to create a strong statement, yet one that is residential in scale.



Clay Design Award **Coxhall Gardens - Bell Towers**

Architect: Cripe Architects + Engineers

Owner: Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department

Masons: Broady Campbell

Supplier: Curley Building Materials, Inc. / General Shale

The jury lauded this project for its very important contributions to a wonderful public amenity ... a new park. Obviously, the gateway and tower are very strong statements on the landscape and use clay masonry in a manner that respects the materials historical precedents in such elements. This project is well propositioned and detailed.



Residential Clay Design Award **Indiana School For The Deaf** **Dixon House**

Independent Living Center

Architect: Architura Corporation

Owner: State of Indiana

Mason: Masonry Service by Mohler, Inc.

Supplier: Architectural Brick and Tile

The Indiana School for the Deaf was recognized for its modesty, showcasing this small residential building on a historic residential campus. A very simple, well-scaled and cost effective main building volume stands out by getting the maximum return on the investment in clay masonry where it counts ... at the main entry. This carefully-considered ... in scale and proportion ... Palladian entrance owes its design to an impressive, brick and limestone entrance on a nearby existing building.



Commercial / Industrial **Concrete Design Award** **Hawk's City Center**

Architect: Scott Falk

Owner: Richard Plank

Mason: Hawk Masonry

Supplier: Curley Building Materials, Inc.
General Shale

This award was predicated on the fact that this is a building type that seldom gets any serious design attention. The strength of this building's image is totally generated by its use of concrete masonry units in an abstract interpretation of turn-of-the(20th)-century commercial buildings. The use of different sizes and two colors facilitates the expression of the buildings base and pilasters. The jury felt the central element fell short in its potential as a major design statement.



Hardscape Design Award Fellowship Missionary Church Courtyard

Owner: Fellowship Missionary Church

Supplier: Masolite

Hardscape Contractor:
Don's Lawn Service & Landscaping, Inc.

The jury commends this small exterior courtyard for its unified design that is achieved primarily through the very well thought-out use and detailing of concrete masonry units. The landscape compliments and is informed by the architecture. The jury was especially impressed with the incorporation of the accessibility ramp and use of ornamental iron, water, stone and wood in the courtyard's highlighted elements.



Concrete Design Award Montgomery County Jail

Architect: American Consulting, Inc.

Owner: Montgomery County Commissioners

Mason: Don Scharer Masonry

Supplier: Irvin-Rogers Brick & Block

The Montgomery County Jail was recognized based on the fact that this is a very difficult building type to deal with in terms of design vs. security issues, cost effectiveness within budget constraints, etc. It compliments the architects for using concrete masonry units in a manner that recognizes their inherent properties of high durability, low maintenance and integral color.



Institutional Clay Design Award Saint Lawrence Parish Hall

Architect: KJG Architecture, Inc.

Owner: Saint Lawrence Church

Mason: Ed Muller Masonry

Supplier: Lafayette Masonry Supply, Inc.

The Saint Lawrence Parish Hall impressed the jury for meeting the difficult design challenge of constructing a building in close proximity to an existing one with significant historic value and strong architectural imagery. Although the architects were successful in their attempt to reinterpret historic elements in their brick work, the real strength in this building's sensitive relationship with the existing church structure is the excellent ... and unabashedly ... "neo-Romanesque" brick detailing on the tower element. Very visible in this element's arched openings corbelled arches at the cornices, its craftsmanship harkens back to ... and continues the proud tradition of ... previous generations of skilled artisans.