

Institutional Buildings

Belen High School Gymnasium Belen, New Mexico

An existing 12' level change in the site provided the basis for design for this High School Gymnasium, a 46,000 square foot facility in New Mexico. The public, coming from parking to the north, is introduced to the Main Gym at a mezzanine level. Student activities take place on the lower level providing a clear public and student activity separation.

The building is skewed on the site allowing visibility of the existing community swimming pool to the west, as well as creating a landscaped foreground for both buildings. The building is hinged at the middle creating a visually important student entry to the south as well as a south facing court yard for outdoor activities, such as pep rallies.

Spaces provided in the building include: Main Gym seating 2,000 for public events or providing two courts for P.E. classes, Lobby, Auxillary Gym, Lockers and Showers, Offices, Training Room, Wrestling Room, Weight Training Room, Laundry, and Storage.

Other design features include the use of natural light throughout the facility with skylights and openings glazed with glass block. The large, clear windows in the Lobby area overlook the city, the Rio Grande valley, and the Manzano Mountains to the east. Red brick was used to match existing buildings on the campus. Light color brick was used to accent features such as windows. The school's colors of purple and white are incorporated into the interior color scheme.

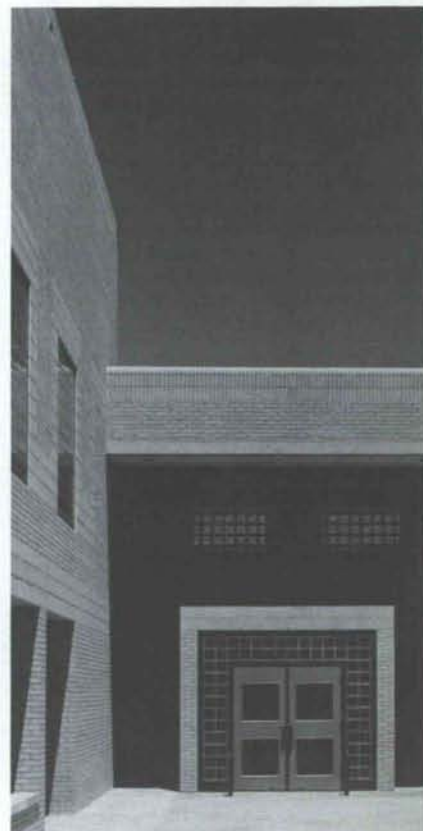
Construction Cost: \$3,800,000

Completion: 1986



Honor Award

Edith Cherry/D. James See, A.I.A. Architects



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Client:
Belen Consolidated Schools
Belen, New Mexico

Architect:
Edith Cherry/D. James See
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Programming:
Architectural Research Consultants

Structural Engineer:
Robert Krause

Mechanical Engineer:
Allison Engineering Inc.

Electrical Engineer:
Tierra del Sol Engineering Inc.

Contractor:
Phase 1: Kitchens Construction
Phase 2: T.A. Cole and Son

Landscape Architect:
Guy R. Jones ASLA

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Interior: © Kurt Gittings/Syntax
Exterior: D. James See