



Most Outstanding Higher Education Project UVU Melisa Nellesen Center for Autism

This visually stunning 15,000 SF building on Utah Valley University's north end of campus is a much-needed space for autism research and care in the community. Classrooms and observation rooms are designed with unique sensory elements such as a swinging tree, interactive fiber optic cables, and sensory modules, all designed to maximize students' ability to learn.

Light plays an important role in the

building and includes a striking lobby highlighted with glass and wood and a sweeping, modern stairway accentuated with metal and glass. Exterior finishes include brick, expansive sections of glazing, board-formed and pre-cast concrete, and metal panels.

The building is prominently situated on Main Street in Orem, and offers excellent views to the east of Mount Timpanogos.

Owner/Developer:

Utah Valley University/DFCM

Architect: Curtis Miner Architecture

General Contractor: Sirq Construction

Electrical Engineer: Spectrum Engineers

Structural Engineer: Dynamic Structures

Mechanical Engineer:

Spectrum Engineers

Civil Engineer: Excel Engineering

Electrical Subcontractor:

Cache Valley Electric

Mechanical Subcontractor: Gunther's

Masonry Subcontractor: Child Enterprises

Other Specialty Contractors: Sunroc;

Noorda; Rightway Steel; Brailsford

Cast Stone



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