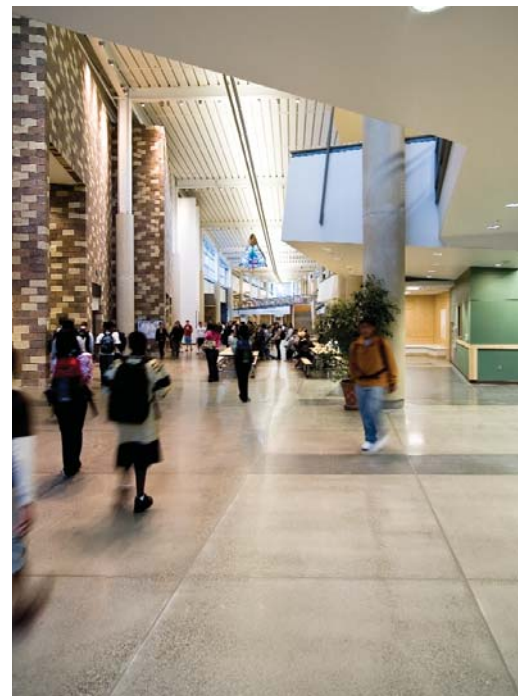


# CEFPI Announces the 2010 James D. MacConnell Award Finalists

*The James D. MacConnell Award recognizes excellence in educational facility planning – from the determination of initial need through occupancy - and is one of the most highly esteemed industry tributes. The three finalist schools best demonstrated the effectiveness of planning, design and construction all focused on the needs of the educational program. Indeed, the jury was challenged with an unparalleled selection of extraordinary school architecture from all over the world making final selections a daunting task. Once the winning three finalist submittals were selected, members of the jury visited each school talking with staff, students and community members. The 2010 MacConnell Award winner will be announced at the CEFPI 87<sup>th</sup> World Conference & Expo in San Jose, California, September 24-27, 2010.*



**Lynnwood High School**  
Edmonds School District  
Bothell, Washington

**Bassetti Architects**  
Seattle, Washington

Working collaboratively, a Citizen's Planning Team, Project Steering Committee and a Planning Advisory Board transformed Lynnwood High School in Bethel, Washington to an exemplary sustainable school nestled on a 40 acre forested site, boasting water retention and wetlands areas, first-class athletic fields, daylit classrooms and a unique gathering place dubbed "the Agora", where students and even recent graduates meet throughout the day.



**Saddlebrook Joint Facility**  
Omaha Public School District  
Omaha, Nebraska

**BCDM Architects**  
Omaha, Nebraska

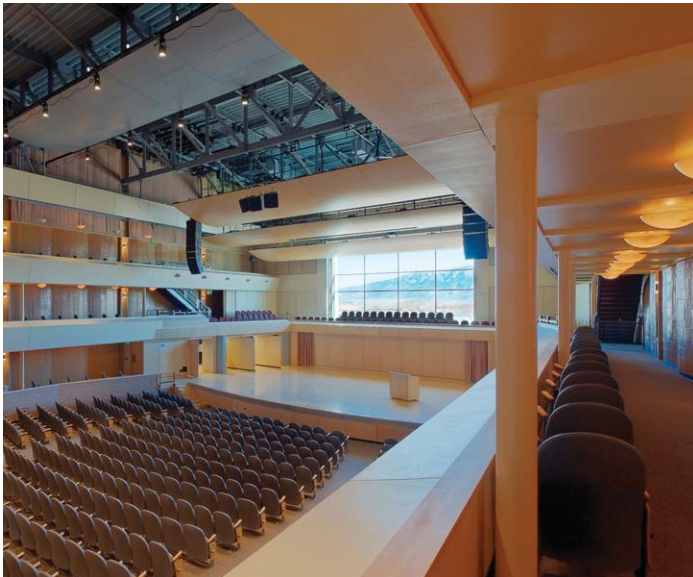


The city of Omaha, Nebraska declared a need for a community center and library in their area; simultaneously Omaha Public Schools required a new elementary school. Thoughts turned immediately to a 40-acre master planned park and aquatic center offering a perfect site and location to house these entities. The city of Omaha brought the library board, the parks and recreation department and the Omaha School District together for this effort. Community planning involved a core group representing these three elements, actively participating to ensure adequate space for children; green aspects such as roof gardens, xeriscaping with drought-resistant indigenous plants and energy saving techniques, resulting in a magnificent site displaying their obvious pride in this outstanding educational environment.

**V. Sue Cleveland High School**

Rio Rancho Public Schools  
Rio Rancho, New Mexico  
Van H. Gilbert Architect PC  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Fanning Howey**  
Celina, Ohio



“The World is Flat” was required reading for the planning group as they began development for V. Sue Cleveland High School in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. A unique member of this collaborative committee was the Rio Rancho Chamber of Commerce, bringing business interests to the table. The 140- acre site was thoughtfully designed to provide an outdoor circulation between athletic, media and performing arts buildings. Community and business friendly, V. Sue Cleveland was structured to train future professionals in a challenging work environment. With limited state funding, the building was designed to house small learning communities and at risk students. Notably, the lack of state funding was supplemented by local businesses.