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MERIT AWARD

ST. CHARLES DESIGNS, INC./MADFOX ASSOCIATES

GOSHEN, N.Y.



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"A little gem," said the judges, commending the understated showroom that blends with the streetscape, both front and rear. A copper roof overhang defines the entrance and hides recessed lighting that bathes the window displays in a soft glow. Two of the four columns flanking the front door are original. The contractor beefed up their looks by wrapping them in PVC sewer pipe.

Category: Commercial renovation

Entrant: St. Charles Designs, Inc., Goshen, N.Y.

Contractor: Matta Custom Contracting Company, Goshen

Architect: Wheldon ABT Associates, Middletown, N.Y.

Developer: Madfox Associates, Goshen

MERIT AWARD

TAFT SCHOOL

WATERTOWN, CONN.



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Sweat socks gave way to Shakespeare when the Taft School's two outgrown gymnasiums were converted to a 42,000-square-foot arts and humanities complex at a cost of \$100 a square foot. The judges cited the well-crafted lobbies and gallery spaces inserted behind the structure's new facade. Bay windows and skylights bring light inside. An octagonal tower and gables add sparkle to the exterior, blending the new complex with the surrounding Gothic-style buildings to complete a "dramatic backdrop" around the school's lake shore.

Category: Adaptive use

Entrant: Herbert S. Newman Associates, AIA, PC, New Haven, Conn.

Contractor: C. H. Nickerson and Sons, Torrington, Conn.

Architect: Herbert S. Newman Associates, AIA, PC