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Augsburg College Chooses Wausau Window Systems to Ensure Value, High Performance and Product Consistency

Wausau, Wis. – Augsburg College Library and Information Technology Center pays homage to the rich heritage of academic libraries, while providing a visible link to the emerging digital frontier.

Opened September 1997, the building assumes a prominent position on Augsburg's Minneapolis campus. Conceptualized as a visual gateway to the college grounds, Katherine Leonidas of Saint Paul, Minnesota-based BWBR Architects selected glass as the center's façade to "visually bridge the library traditions of the past with contemporary technologies and to blend the school's traditional collegiate architecture and modernist campus buildings developed 20 and 30 years ago."

The design called for a unique combination of punched windows, exterior aluminum panels and curtainwall to blend into one seamless exterior facade, so BWBR turned to Wausau Window and Wall Systems® and Minnesota-based glazing contractor W.L. Hall Company to engineer and install the window and wall systems.

Since a smooth, seamless look was significant to the building's design, BWBR's architects also were interested in Wausau's ability to work with its sister company Linetec to finish all of the different aluminum materials at the same facility and ensure a consistent finish.

"Everything looked perfect and installed smoothly," said Craig Hall, W.L. Hall Company salesperson. "Both the architect and the college were delighted with the final result. The library not only remains a signature building, but enhances the overall student-friendly feel of the Augsburg campus."

In addition to housing the James G. Lindell Family library, the four-level, 73,000-square-foot structure also is home to the college's computer department. The building also features state-of-the-art, multi-media computer labs; multiple instruction classrooms, a variety of study spaces, an art gallery exhibition and lecture space and storage for the college's permanent art collection and archival and records storage.

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