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Century's Science/Library Bldg Named a Top Project

The Century College Science/Library Building has been named a Top Project of 2008 by Finance and Commerce, a Minneapolis business publication.

Century was among 25 construction projects that were honored for their innovative construction, creativity in design and overall complexity. Century President Larry Litecky and Vice President Mike Bruner received the award on behalf of the college at an event at the Minneapolis Hyatt Regency on July 16.

Other honored projects included the W Hotel in the Foshay Tower in Minneapolis, the Church of St. Peter in North St. Paul, Northrop Auditorium at the University of Minnesota and the Leonard Athletic and Wellness Center at Macalester College.

Century's \$19.9 million, 70,000-square-foot Science/Library Building, which opened last fall, has a soaring interior space that envelopes part of the campus pedestrian bridge. It also features numerous sustainability elements such as a glassed southern elevation that electronically shades and reduces sunlight infiltration. The building exceeds state energy efficiency standards by 30 percent and features

highly efficient roof insulation systems, energy recovery systems, mechanical systems, displacement ventilation, science lab exhaust system, occupancy sensor lighting and wetland restoration.

The first new campus building in 17 years, the structure combines the West Campus and East Campus libraries into one library, and also brings together the science instructional areas. The three-story structure offers five science classrooms and nine science labs. It also features an area for students to congregate near a fireplace, along with window seats for visiting and studying. A special interior area preserves waterfowl dioramas moved from the West Campus.

Century and the DLR Group, Inc., last spring received an award from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Minnesota for the design of the building's mechanical systems.



Photo: Century Vice President Mike Bruner, John Bossardt of Bossardt Corp. and Century President Larry Litecky