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University chooses Opus AE Group to Preserve History

Since 1885, the University of Saint Thomas has been making a difference in the areas of science and medicine, law, economics and finance. They are currently ranked 124th among National Universities and have 6,274 undergraduate students and 4,565 graduate students. The University is governed by a 38 member board of trustees. With locations in Saint Paul, Minneapolis, and Owatonna, Minnesota; as well as in Rome, Italy, the University of Saint Thomas is recognized throughout the world as being an elite institution for higher learning.

Respecting the age of their many buildings, the University underwent extensive remodeling in 1990 and also decided to build several new buildings in Saint Paul and Minneapolis. The first step into this endeavor was to identify an architect and engineering firm that had the knowledge base of historic buildings and the capacity to handle such an undertaking. The board consulted Opus AE Group (formerly Opus Architects & Engineers), who had initially worked on the Ireland Hall project in 1962. The University knew they could trust their historic school with the firm.

Opus AE Group maintains Collegiate-Gothic style at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul MN

The University of St. Thomas McNeely Hall, School of Entrepreneurship, School of Law, Terrace Murphy Hall, and Frey Science and Engineering Center were specifically awarded to Opus AE Group because of their extensive knowledge and their "single source concept". The project is located in the nationally registered historic district of Summit Avenue in St.

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Paul. All of the buildings mentioned above have established a Collegiate-Gothic style of architecture for the campus which is why Vande Hey Raleigh Roof Tile was chosen. ***"Vande Hey Raleigh's blend of colors could replicate the aesthetics of the original buildings and the durability and low maintenance the University required"***, says Pete Lewis, manager of Opus, ***"The durability cannot be beat. We would not hesitate to use it again on the next project."***



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Character through Achievement

Opus AE Group was founded in 1953 by Gerald Rauenhorst. They were nationally recognized in Project Architecture, Architectural and Interior Design, and Structural Engineering. In addition, there are two separate divisions within the business: Opus Design Build and Opus Development Corporation. The firm's primary focus on their clients ensures that their projects are on budget, on time, and achieve the desired vision. Furthermore, they continually work to make the communities they serve better places to live, work, and raise families. In addition to the University of St. Thomas project, other notable Opus AE projects have been the Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, WI; Kansas State University School of Leadership Studies; and the Fifteen Twenty-One Second Avenue Condominium Tower in Seattle, WA.

Opus has also been recognized with the following awards:

- Design-Build Project of the year from DBIA Mid-America Region
- Award of Excellence from NAIOP
- National Merit Award from the city of Birmingham, AL
- Multi-Family High Rise of the Year by NAIOP

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"Vande Hey Raleigh has beautiful aesthetics, perfect for the Collegiate-Gothic style of buildings we were designing and constructing".

- Pete Lewis - Manager, Opus AE Group