



UNO Soccer Academy High School

Chicago, IL

New Construction/ Addition

Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 9-12
Capacity: 960 students
Size of Site: 4.71 acres
Building Area: 77,088 sq. ft.
Space per Student: 80 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$22,458
Square Foot Cost: \$279
Construction Cost: \$21,559,296
Project Cost: \$31,389,610
Completion Date: September 2013
Sustainability Rating System/Applied/
Status/Level: Targeting LEED Gold

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United Neighborhood Organization (UNO) believes in the power of architecture to transform education and revitalize communities. An essential part of UNO's mission is to design today's schools for tomorrow's world with epic passion and imagination. As the second addition to the site, the new high school serves to anchor the campus, seamlessly connecting to the existing elementary school and future site development. While pedestrian connectivity and public open spaces are paramount, other features include high visibility to promote community engagement; outdoor space used as a living, learning laboratory; a large community plaza and soccer field; convenient access to public transportation; connection to local parks and area schools; and minimized vehicular circulation, parking and other impervious surfaces.

The design is essentially a "glass ring" partially shrouded by a striking metal panel. Playful and dramatic angles announce the main entry, gymnasium and courtyard. As the central hub of the school and community, the courtyard features an energetic, welcoming glass façade linking the interior and exterior. Natural light is



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maximized to promote a heightened sense of community. Green design and efficient planning and construction are also incorporated. The school embodies what UNO believes educational facilities should represent—the hopes and dreams of their local communities.



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