



COMBINED-LEVEL SCHOOL

## Chiaravalle Montessori School—North Wing Addition Evanston, IL



Designing a Montessori building for a Montessori program, the North Wing Addition at Chiaravalle Montessori School embraces and enhances the Montessori curriculum for the Chiaravalle community in ways the program had never been supported before.

Until fall 2015, when the North Wing Addition opened, teachers and students had to adapt their curriculum and daily schedule to aging facilities that did not support a 21st century Montessori education. One prime target for improvement was a two-story gymnasium wing that had been added in 1949 to the original three-story building, a historic 1898 structure designed by Daniel Burnham.

Ill-suited to the Montessori approach in both layout and size, the 60-year-old annex had deteriorated to the point where the school's board of directors unanimously agreed that maintaining it no longer made financial sense. Replacing the annex would provide a rare opportunity to design a Montessori building for a Montessori program.



### New Construction/Addition

#### Other

#### CannonDesign

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#### DESIGN TEAM

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#### OWNER/CLIENT

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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: PreK-8  
Capacity: 310 students  
Size of Site: 0.53 acres  
Building Area: 22,210 gsf  
Space per Student: 71.65 sq. ft.  
Cost per Student: \$2,290  
Square Foot Cost: \$319  
Project Cost: \$7,100,000  
Completion Date: September 2015  
Sustainability Rating Status: LEED Platinum

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