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CSUSM parking structure wins accolades

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The American Public Works Association has named the new \$25 million **RJC Architects**-deigned parking structure at California State University, San Marcos as its Project of the Year.

"We're thrilled to be recognized for our design excellence," said James Robbins, principal and director of design of the San Diego-based architectural firm.

"This award proves that even parking structures can be stylishly attractive as well as highly functional," he said. "It is a significant centerpiece to the campus skyline and presents a formidable presence on campus."

The recently completed 487,000-square-foot structure on Campus View Drive has six levels of cast-in-place above grade concrete decks that accommodate 1,602 parking stalls.

According to Robbins, the "handsome yet simply detailed building" features a woven stainless steel mesh façade accented with trellis elements that define the building's top and give further emphasis to the exterior design.

"Because of its prominent foreground location, it was important to create a beautiful structure that complements the architectural character of the nearby academic and residential buildings," said Jose Luis Laguna, project designer for the local firm that specializes in public and commercial work.

"It conforms to the campus architectural guidelines and is designed with as much attention to campus unity and neighborhood character as occupied buildings," Laguna said.

Other RJC staff on the architect and landscape design team included Brian Schmidt, Brian Scott and Tom Garcia.

RJC Architects, in partnership with PCL Construction, received the design/build contract to add 2,800 student and staff parking spaces in two phases over five years on an existing 577-space lot on the northeastern side of campus.

Construction was completed in May three months ahead of schedule and \$8 million below the initial budget on the first phase of the project.

Other parking structure project design team members include: **DCI** for structural engineers, Flores Lund Consulting for civil engineers, Syska Hennessy Group for mechanical engineers and Michael Wall Associates for electrical engineers.

The award-winning architectural firm previously designed Clark Field House at CSU San Marcos, as well as several structures at the University of California, Irvine, including a 2,100-car parking structure.