

Columbia College Osage Beach



LOCATION

Osage Beach, Missouri

DESCRIPTION

17,276 sf new satellite campus facility

COMPLETION DATE

May 2005

CONSTRUCTION COST

\$2.3 million

CLIENT REFERENCE

Bob Hutton, Executive Director of Administrative Services
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CONTRACTOR REFERENCE

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Having outgrown their facility, Columbia College Osage Beach needed a new building to house classrooms, computer labs, the nursing program, administrative functions, and a student lounge. Since all the students are commuters, they wanted a distinctive exterior that would be visible from the highway.

SOA created a building that gave them an identity. Distinctive and easily identifiable entrances welcome the students. The large communal 'living room' is the focal point of the building and the other areas of the building can easily be found or accessed from there. This open space provides their students with an area to interact with each other, get on-line and study. There is also immediate access to an outdoor patio.

The exterior and interior were both designed to be welcoming and conducive to learning. Durability and energy conservation are evident in many details. Safety and security were also an integral design concern.

"...SOA's primary strength, in my opinion... is their ability to investigate by a series of meetings. It doesn't matter how many meetings it takes to get to the real heart of the matter, they are willing to go the extra mile...They are able to ask the right questions and they are able to be patient with us as we struggle to figure out what it is that we want...They do such a good job working through the preliminary process to figure out what our needs are."

- Bob Hutton, Retired Executive Director of Administrative Services

