



The University of Georgia

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INSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT

The need for the J.W. Fanning Leadership Center developed from an increasing demand for university knowledge in the work-a-day world, and the resultant growth in the number of service providers on campus, their staff, and the increasing office space needs. This complex was envisioned to address on-site educational and extension programs for all Georgians and provide a central source of University-based information.

We, at the institution, needed a firm with experience in office and education facilities, creative design abilities to provide the best possible use of space; a firm who could take the project from our vision to reality. This firm met us every step of the way and exceeded our expectations. We had specific requirements of design and architectural elements that would relate contextually with the existing surroundings. The Chappelle Matthews Public Safety Complex Master Plan was first designed to tie the buildings together, followed by the design of the J.W. Fanning Leadership Center. Both Mr. Matthews and Dr. Fanning were graduates of the University of Georgia and lived their lives to support higher education and leadership for the State of Georgia.

The purpose of the J.W. Fanning Leadership Center, as envisioned by the University of Georgia, was to create a "think-tank" to motivate and inspire those who are training for leadership roles. The architectural team was selected on a qualifications basis and had the desired team and experience to address our stated mission. The overall complex was specifically designed to support teaching, outreach and research. The building contains faculty and administrative offices, research facilities and accommodations for visiting scholars and professors. The completed design addressed the stated needs of the institute by creating a beautifully designed building tying in an existing historic building with all the requirements for a state-of-the-art learning facility. Working closely with us, the architect addressed the users and institutions ideas and concerns, while creating cost-conscious solutions to keep us within our budget.

The Treanor House, the existing historical "jewel" of the campus had many ties to the late Dr. John William Fanning, and was to remain a part of, and a symbol for the institution. The objective of the Site Design Standards was to encourage a unified visual image throughout the campus. While stressing consistency of planning principles, site design details and landscape design modeled the traditional theme chosen for the entire campus and develops an identifiable "sense of place". The architect created the garden setting through the use of hardscape and softscape design. Safety and sustainable design were also key elements of the design. The building is a steel frame structure with brick veneer designed to complement the existing historic building while maintaining the overall campus theme. The flow of the offices, conference rooms and training rooms were designed expertly while implementing ADA Standards throughout. Natural day lighting was placed at strategic locations on the second floor via roof monitors. Classroom and conference rooms are equipped with state-of-the-art technology to promote teleconferencing and distance learning. The interior is comfortable and beautifully designed with interior wood paneling throughout, giving one a sense of warmth for co-mingling and collaborative learning.

The architect contractually met and exceeded their requirements and delivered our Chappelle Matthews Public Safety Complex Master Plan and the J.W. Fanning Leadership Training Center on time and within our budget. The Center has continued to thrive, having a very positive impact on the faculty, staff and civic leaders training for the State of Georgia. Visiting dignitaries have had very favorable remarks on the design finishes and functionality of the center giving UGA an edge over other higher educational facilities.

We are proud of this center and the enhancement that this has made to our campus. We welcome the recognition and award for the creative design and management of the construction throughout the entire project. This has been a challenging, yet enjoyable project and we would not hesitate to use this architect again.