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Sheridan College Academic Center named “Project of Distinction”

Sheridan College’s Edward A. Whitney Academic Center was recently recognized as a “Project of Distinction” for outstanding design and architecture, as part of the College Planning & Management’s 2014 Education Design Showcase.

The Academic Center, which opened its doors in August 2013, appeared in the April 2014 issue of College Planning & Management magazine. It also appears as a feature project on EducationDesignShowcase.com. College Planning & Management is headquartered in Chatsworth, Calif.

“We take great pride in our stewardship and are fortunate to have great partners who care about the future of education in northern Wyoming,” said SC President Paul Young. “This is a milestone for community colleges in Wyoming.”

Dale Buckingham Architects of Sheridan and CTA Architects and Engineers of Billings, Mont., designed the Edward A. Whitney Academic Center. KWN Construction of Sheridan served as the construction manager at-risk.

“We are proud to have constructed the student-focused Edward A. Whitney Academic Center through 81 percent of work done by Wyoming contractors and more than 60 percent done locally,” Young said.

The Academic Center is 53,000 sq. ft. and helps facilitate more than 2,000 Sheridan College students per semester through classroom space. The building is also home to “Caesar,” a replica Allosaurus dinosaur excavated near Buffalo by SC students and faculty.

“Good designs don’t just happen. They are created due to the hard work of the institution, the architect and the community,” said Jerry Enderle, editor-in-chief of College & Planning Management. “Each project may be unique, yet they all share one common goal: to provide the best possible learning environment for all students at all levels of education. Your project, the Edward A. Whitney Academic Center at Sheridan College, has achieved that goal.”