



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL – WINDLAND SMITH RICE BUILDING

LOCATION

Memphis, TN

SERVICES

Architecture, Interior Design, Construction Administration

SIZE

53,256 SF

CONSTRUCTION COST

\$9,038,543

CONTRACTOR

Montgomery Martin Contractors

COMPLETED

2008

LEED CERTIFIED

No

REFERENCE (CLIENT)

Albert Throckmorton, Head of School

AWARDS

2008 Excellence in Construction Award – Best Institutional (\$5-\$10 million)
The American Library Association 2009 Library Design Showcase Feature

St. Mary's enlisted Fleming Architects to design and oversee the construction of a new Middle School building that, in addition to much needed classroom space, included a state of the art Library designed to meet the demands of the entire student population. The new three story Windland Smith Rice Building houses a new Library on its first floor, providing ample classroom space for the school's 4th – 8th graders on its two remaining floors. In honor of its namesake, Wendy Smith Rice, a renowned nature photographer, the building's walls are adorned with an impressive photography collection and the lobby features photography-related motifs, which include a custom designed metal and glass staircase, resembling an unwinding roll of film. Additionally, the lobby's terrazzo floor is patterned to look like a camera aperture, and it is highlighted by a translucent fiberglass ceiling panel above, reminiscent of a camera lens, that allows natural light to flood the space. The Library itself features two computer labs, a distance learning lab, eight self-check-out stations, and four study rooms, complete with whiteboards and wireless internet access.

“ The Fleming Architects team, from day one, has earned our trust by being keen listeners and gracious collaborators in achieving the best design within our budget. The design process and construction coordination was collegial, flexible, and fun. Their meticulous attention to detail gave us confidence that they shared our priorities for aesthetics, functionality, and cost. The final result is an outstanding building that elicits consistent praise for both its beauty and thoughtful planning ... ”

- ALBERT THROCKMORTON, HEAD OF SCHOOL- ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL