

# ENTRY FORM



## DVASE 2018 Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards Program

### PROJECT CATEGORY (check one):

Buildings under \$5M		Buildings Over \$100M	
Buildings \$5M - \$15M	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other Structures Under \$1M	
Buildings \$15M - \$40M		Other Structures Over \$1M	
Buildings \$40M - \$100M		Single Family Home	

Approximate construction cost of facility submitted:	\$ 6.6 Million
Name of Project:	WHITTIER HALL
Location of Project:	SWARTHMORE COLLEGE
Date construction was completed (M/Y):	3/2017
Structural Design Firm:	Ann Rothmann Structural Engineering LLC
Affiliation:	<b>All entries must be submitted by DVASE member firms or members.</b>
Architect:	Jacobs Wyper Architects
General Contractor:	L.F. DRISCOLL CO., LLC

Company Logo (insert .jpg in box below)



### Important Notes:

- Please .pdf your completed entry form and email to [bsagusti@barrhorstman.com](mailto:bsagusti@barrhorstman.com).
- Please also email separately 2-3 of the best .jpg images of your project, for the slide presentation at the May dinner and for the DVASE website. Include a brief (approx. 4 sentences) summary of the project for the DVASE Awards Presentation with this separate email.

## WHITTIER HALL ACADEMIC BUILDING

at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

ARCHITECT- Jacobs Wyper Associates

COMPLETED - 2017

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Whittier Hall is a new 20,000-square-foot academic building nestled into a densely constrained campus site. The building will initially house the psychology department and the engineering shop, until the new science center is built on campus. And will later be reconfigured for use by the art department with studios for sculpture, ceramics, painting, and drawing. Overhead skylights provide much of the lighting for the studios.

A focus on sustainability is evident throughout the design of Whittier. An existing heritage oak tree was preserved by splitting the layout into two wings, connected by a pedestrian bridge that spans over the trees root system. The proximity of tree roots necessitated a slurry tieback retaining wall to allow for basement excavation at the south wing.

Other sustainable features requiring structural design attention included:

- large vertical custom detailed sunshades along the west elevation, and architecturally exposed steel spandrels, connected back to the interior structure incorporating thermal isolation pads.
- An accessible green roof terrace
- roof top photovoltaic array and screening.
- a large geothermal well field for heating and cooling.

### STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

Steel moment frame structure on concrete Foundations. Tieback slurry retaining walls allowed the new basement to be built in close proximity to a large oak specimen tree. The two story connector bridge required expansion joints at the north bearing end. The western façade incorporates sunshades cantilevering off the spandrel structure with thermal isolation pads, and the rooftop screens also required thermal isolation from the interior steel.

Site Plan



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WHITTIER HALL WEST ELEVATION



WHITTIER HALL EAST ELEVATION

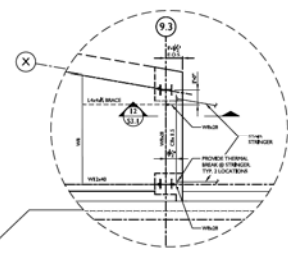




WHITTIER HALL CONNECTOR BRIDGE FACING NORTH – PASSING SPECIMEN OAK TREE ON RIGHT SIDE, AND SPECIMEN PINE ON LEFT SIDE.



WHITTIER HALL NORTH ELEVATION WITH GREEN ROOF TERRACE




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*If selected as an award winner, you may be offered the opportunity to present your project at a DVASE breakfast seminar. Would you be willing to present to your colleagues?* ☐ YES ☒ NO

Submitted by:

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