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Magnolia Speech School Recognized For Architecture & Design Of New Madison Campus

Brasfield & Gorrie and MSS Win Gold Award from the Mississippi ABC Chapter

JACKSON, MISS., DEC 6, 2022 – Magnolia Speech School (MSS) and Brasfield & Gorrie are excited to announce that the school's new Madison campus has won a Gold Award from ABC Mississippi's 2022 Excellence in Construction Awards. The project was considered in the Institutional \$10-\$25 million category.

"Magnolia Speech School makes a meaningful difference in the lives of its students and their families, and the school's specialized capabilities draw students from the Jackson area and beyond," Project Manager Glen Ulrich said. "Brasfield & Gorrie is passionate about building strong communities, and we're honored to have built this new facility to serve a community we call home."

The campus has many sustainable design features, including 13-inch-thick insulated concrete walls on most of the exterior and in the interior music and art room that doubles as a storm shelter. The walls throughout are 8 inches of concrete with 2.5 inches of insulation, providing not only a strong foundation with reduced insurance premiums but high efficiency for heating and cooling.

The school's classrooms all have 360-degree cameras in-room for parents to be able to visit and observe their children at any point. At the previous location, many of the classrooms had small, closet-like rooms with one-way glass. The upgraded technology allows for better use of the classroom square footage and further investment into each student's progress.

Magnolia Speech School was designed and built to address the specific needs of children with communicative challenges. Acoustical features throughout the school allow for better listening, attention, and learning.

"We are thrilled to have this incredible facility for our students. It will provide a place of hope, support, and achievement that will impact families and communities for decades to come," Magnolia Speech School Executive Director Valerie Linn, CCC SP/L, said. "We are proud to have worked with Brasfield & Gorrie from inception to completion on this special project."

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About ABC Mississippi

ABC Mississippi was founded in 1973 and is positioned as one of the largest ABC chapters in the nation. Representing over 100 general contractors, over 300 subcontractors, over 100 suppliers, and over 100 associate members; ABC Mississippi is the most diverse construction trade association in Mississippi.



ABC Mississippi has achieved over 20 chapter excellence awards from ABC national for membership growth, safety, community service, and performance. To learn more, visit abcmississippi.org.

About Brasfield & Gorrie

Founded in 1964, Brasfield & Gorrie is one of the nation's largest privately held construction firms, providing general contracting, design-build, and construction management services for a wide variety of markets. We're skilled in construction best practices including virtual design and construction, integrated project delivery, and Lean construction, but we're best known for our preconstruction and self-perform expertise and exceptional client service. Brasfield & Gorrie has 13 offices and more than 3,500 employees, and our 2021 revenue was \$4.2 billion. Engineering News-Record ranks Brasfield & Gorrie 24th among the nation's Top 400 Contractors for 2022. To learn more, visit brasfieldgorrie.com.

About Magnolia Speech School

Established in 1956, Magnolia Speech School has impacted thousands of students and families from every county in Mississippi and as far away as Alaska and Pennsylvania. When families come to Magnolia Speech School, the emphasis is on closing the communicative gap so that they may transition into a more traditional school. As a result, barriers imposed by deafness and language impairments can frequently be overcome, proving that every child has the right to hear, listen, speak and thrive in life. For more information, visit magnoliaspeechschool.org.