



PSI brings new life and high-tech focus into Canadian Valley Technology Center with MA+ Architecture

The Canadian Valley Technology Center, located in Chickasha, Oklahoma, is a school committed to providing students with a high-tech education in support of personal and professional development in the technology field.

In 2012, Canadian Valley selected MA+ Architecture to help redesign their campus with a new addition to the building, expanding the health care training facility. One of the biggest tasks MA+ faced was recreating the look of the campus buildings to reflect a 21st century learning environment. In need of a complete redesign and overhaul, MA+ turned to Panel Specialists to revive the school's main lobby, apply a wainscot in the corridors of the new building and create a lounge area within the existing building with all new wall panel systems.

Tasked with the challenge of creating a warm, welcoming and safe environment for students, MA+ required a decorative wall solution that not only added visual impact, but functionality and durability. MA+ eliminated surface options such as ceramic tile or paint, needing a wall solution that was cost-effective and adhered to their strict design requirements.

"The walls of the lobby had interesting angles and dimensions and PSI's ability to accommodate was great," said Katie Byers, Director of Interior Design at MA+ Architecture.

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Needing a cohesive look that carried throughout the entire building, PSI remained flexible, able to change design areas at the last minute according to Byers.

Case Study: Canadian Valley Technology Center

PSI was the perfect partner to deliver the large scale, vibrant design MA+ envisioned by offering a wide range of color and reveal options that tile or paint could not provide. Piecing the possibilities together, PSI created a mockup of a wall panel system with multiple color options and designs, able to withstand high-traffic, high-use areas and reduce the amount of needed maintenance.

"PSI was able to give us that deep red, Canadian Valley school color, in addition to a new shade of gray that reinforced the school's technology focus. The colors matched the purpose of the building. PSI really opened up the door of possibilities," said Byers.

Thorough in their delivery, PSI walked MA+ throughout the installation process, and were very responsive throughout the project. "It was great to find a company that cared about the end product just as much as we did," said Byers.

Completely remodeled using PSI's Wall Panel System, the newly brightened lobby now serves as a focal point for the school, creating a new accent to a campus previously covered in dark red brick and low ceilings. "It really livened up what was originally a dark-feeling building. It provided a great visual impact for the school," said Byers.

Together, Panel Specialists and MA+ Architecture were able to create a newly remastered and unique learning environment for the students at Canadian Valley Tech Center. The lobby officially opened in the fall of 2014, with the remainder of the building opening in the spring of 2015.



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