



ASCENSION ACADEMY

AMARILLO'S PREMIER COLLEGE PREPARATORY EDUCATION

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Ascension Academy has recently completed the second phase of a long-term construction effort that began in 2005. At that time the school's Board of Regents engaged Plains Builders, Mark Koetting General Contractor, to build a school on its 41-acre property that would serve approximately 200 students in grades 6-12.

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Phase I provided us with an attractive and functional facility for featuring 8 modern classrooms, two science labs, an art studio, tech lab, 2 musical rehearsal rooms, a cafeteria-auditorium multipurpose room, gymnasium and administrative suite. Opening in 2006, this building has supported the education of several hundred students, providing them with a functional, aesthetically pleasing, and safe place to learn and grow.

Assuming leadership of Ascension in 2008 I quickly came to know and appreciate Mark Koetting and Plains Builders, not only for the very fine edifice they had built, but for their attention to and investment in caring for the building they constructed.

It was because of the cooperative and expert advice and support provided to Ascension Academy by Mr. Koetting that the Board of Regents once again turned to Plains Builders when we launched Phase II of our campus expansion in 2011. Working smoothly with the architectural firm of Shiver-Megert and Associates, Plains Builders moved quickly and efficiently to double the size of our classroom facility (including 8 classrooms, 2 science labs, 1 tech lab, 7 rehearsal spaces, 2 art studios, and 2 theater prep rooms), build an all-weather 8-lane track, and construct a maintenance shop and garage.

The entire project, from finished plans to utilization of the new facilities took less than one year, coming in on time and on budget. More impressively, Mr. Koetting secured high caliber subcontractors who have given us a building that meshes seamlessly with the original construction, is attractive, comfortable and highly functional. Furthermore, Mr. Koetting worked closely with the architect and school in handling several change orders necessitated by some unforeseen (more secure school entrance) or elective modifications in the original design.

Ascension Academy has benefited from the expertise, professionalism, and cost efficiency of Mr. Mark Koetting. We are extremely pleased with our new facilities, and will look to Plains Builders for any and every future building projects we take on.

Sincerely,

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