

Historic Alameda High School Design Team Wins Multiple Awards

Quattrocchi Kwok Architects (QKA), the architectural firm that designed and managed the restoration and modernization of Historic Alameda High School, has won multiple awards in recent weeks for their work. The 100,000 square-foot historic high school, which had not been used for students since the 1970s, re-opened for the 2019-20 school year after being under construction for two years.

The goal of the project was to restore and preserve the 1920s architecture while creating 21st century learning environments. The work, which was funded by Measure I and state matching funds for the seismic retrofit, included:

- Restoration of the historic interior and exterior
- 37 state-of-the-art classrooms
- 11 new science labs, and technology to provide 21st century learning environments
- Complete seismic retrofitting
- Installation of fire sprinkler systems, and updating of structural, mechanical and electrical systems for functionality and efficiency
- Historic window restoration and reuse of elements such as window frames, trim and molding
- New landscaping and seating areas along Central Avenue
- Outdoor learning space

In recent months, the QKA team has received multiple awards from architectural and engineering organizations, including:

- [2020 Preservation Design Award for Rehabilitation](#) from the [California Preservation Foundation](#)
- [2020 K-12 Education Best Projects Award](#) from [Engineering News Record](#) as a California-wide award for K-12 facilities.
- A 2020 Preservation Award from the [Alameda Architectural Preservation Society](#), as well as Certificates of Award for QKA principal Mark Quattrocchi, AUSD Director of Construction Robbie Lyng, and QKA structural engineer Chris Warner.

“These awards are further evidence of the beautiful work that QKA did on these iconic buildings in downtown Alameda,” says Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi. “We are grateful for the expertise, leadership, and attention to historic detail that the firm brought to this project.”

We would also like to congratulate QKA principal Mark Quattrocchi for being named the [West-Coast Honoree of the Year](#) by [A Chance in Life](#), a non-profit organization that supports orphaned and marginalized children in Ethiopia, India, Italy and many countries in Central and South America. Mr. Quattrocchi will be honored at a virtual gala on October 28.