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architectural portfolio

**THE SOURCEBOOK FOR AWARD-WINNING
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**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, BUZBEE
LEADERSHIP LEARNING CENTER**
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS



**Smith & Company
Architects, Inc.**

Associated firm:
Elkus Manfredi Architects

Design team

DBR, MEP; Galindo Engineers, Civil; Concept Engineers, Structural; Infrastructure Associates Inc., IT; Zero/Six Consulting, LLC, Envelope Consultant; Vaughn Construction, Contractor

Client

Texas A&M University-College Station; Chareny Rydl, Director, Department of Residence Life

Area

16,707 sq. ft.

Total cost

\$5 million

Cost/square foot

\$299.27

Capacity

831

Completion

September 2012

Photographer

Zvonkovic Photography



The historic Corps Quadrangle and its 12 dormitories comprise the original Texas A&M campus. Site design and area selection reinforced the university's master plan by using "urban" strategies for future growth development of the quad and new Leadership Learning Center (LLC). The 16,707-square-foot Buzbee LLC and renovation of the adjacent Harrell Hall dormitory are the first of many new developments in the quad.

The architecture represents a combination of past and present focusing on the sentiments of the university and the Corps of Cadets. This project provided the Corps of Cadets with a new brand identity indicative of the Texas A&M service institution of the new millennium. In working closely with the facility users and institution's leadership on program and functionality, the architect has created a design that has been a springboard to achieving their long-term goals.

The core elements of this project incorporated a grand double-height lobby entry, multipurpose student amenity spaces and cadet training. Additional upgrades include walkways, landscaping and drainage surrounding Harrell Hall and LLC public plazas. 