

## Site Plan





**HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**SAN JACINTO MEMORIAL BUILDING**

Locator Map







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Project Images



*Restored*

**Main Entry**

Photo by: Mike McCormick





Original Building ~1914

**Main Elevation**  
Historic Photo Archive



Original Entry ~1920's

**Main Elevation**  
Historic Photo Archive





Existing Condition

**Main Entry**  
Photo by: BRW Architects





Process: Restoration

**Courtyard Wing**  
Photo by: BRW Architects



Process: Restoration

**Courtyard View**  
Photo by: BRW Architects

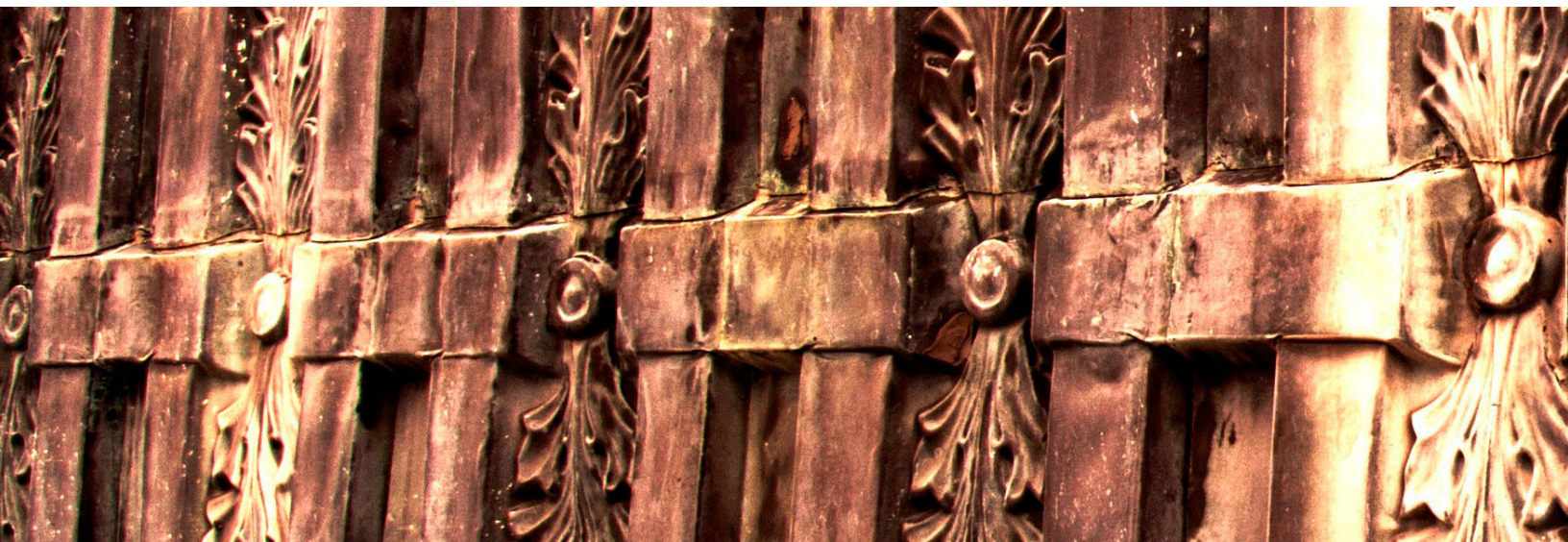




Original Building ~1914

## Colonnade

Photo by: BRW Architects



Existing Condition

## Detail

Photo by: BRW Architects





*Process: Restoration*

## **Cornice Detail**

Photo by: BRW Architects



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## **Cornice Detail**

Photo by: BRW Architects





Process: Restoration

## Courtyard Elevation

Photo by: BRW Architects



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## Main Elevation

Photo by: Mike Hatcher





Process: Restoration

**Stair Tower, Detail**  
Photo by: BRW Architects



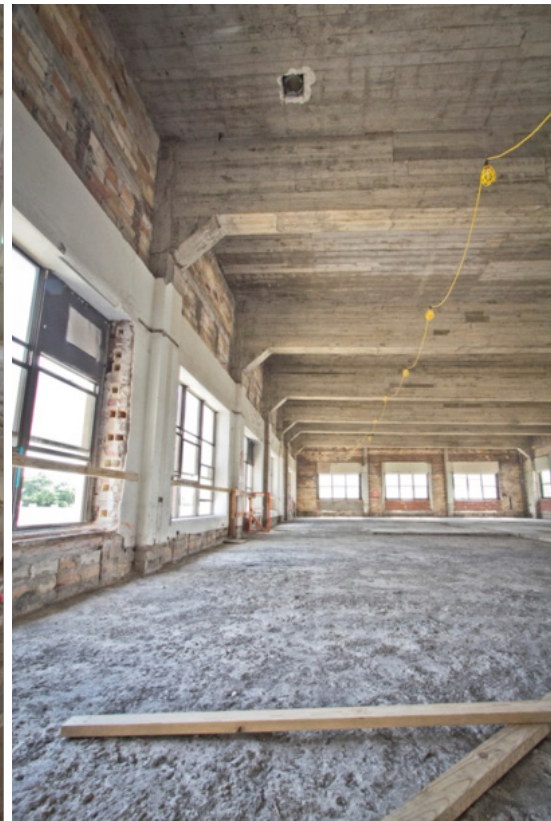
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**Stair Tower**  
Photo by: Mike McCormick





Process: Demolition



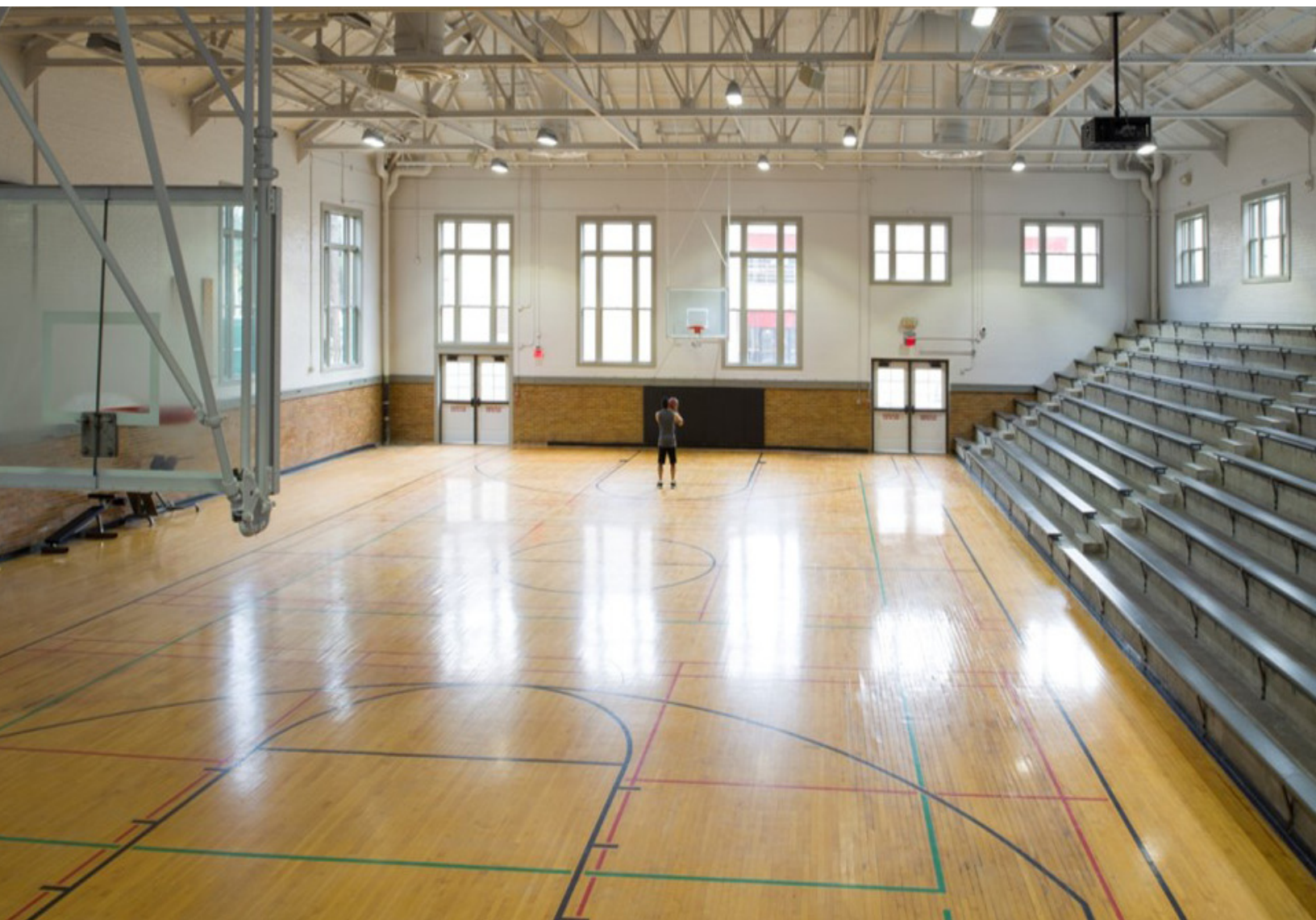
**Interior Demolition**  
Photo by: BRW Architects



Existing Condition

**Historic Balcony Seating, Auditorium**  
Photo by: BRW Architects





*Renovated*

**Gymnasium**

Photo by: Mike McCormick

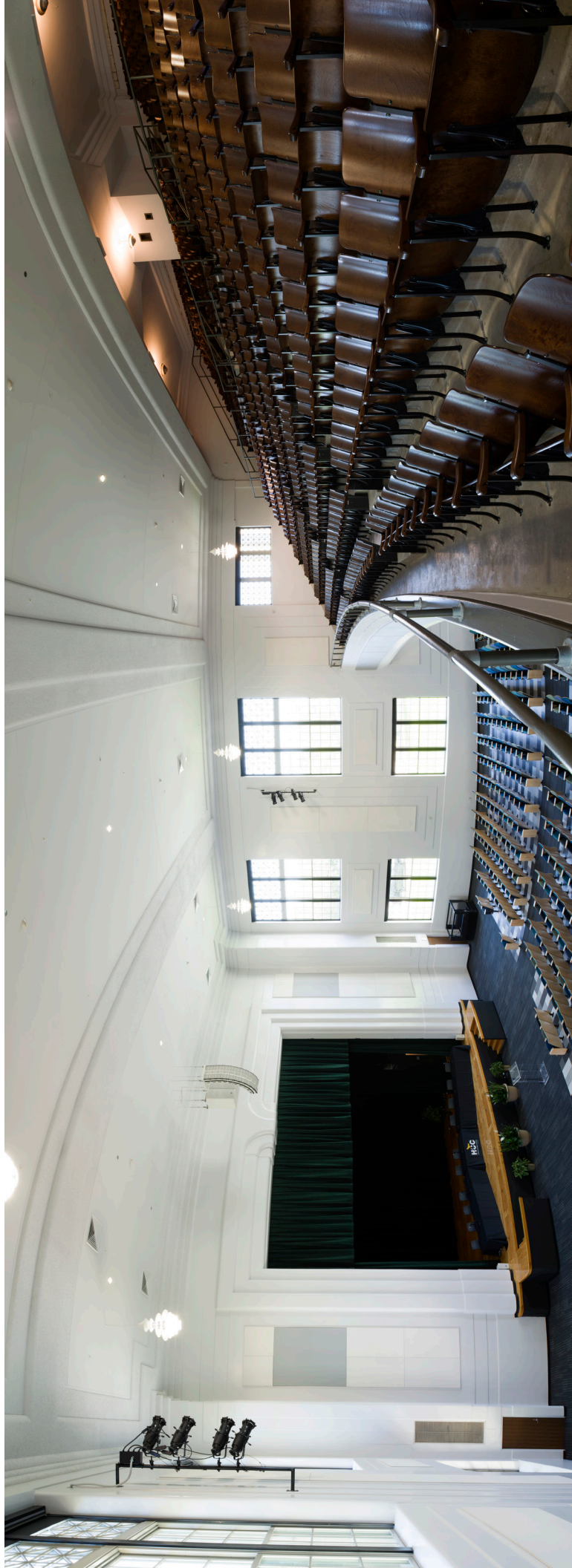




Process: Demolition

**Auditorium**  
Photo by: BRW Architects





Restored

**Auditorium**  
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## HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SAN JACINTO MEMORIAL BUILDING

500 Words

### 2014 Preservation Texas Honor Awards

**Category:** Historic Restoration Award

**Location:** Houston, Texas

Originally constructed in 1914 and recently restored to its early nineteenth century aesthetic, the HCC San Jacinto Building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in January of 2013. The historic exterior had become almost unrecognizable with multiple colored coatings that obscured the detail of the limestone carving. Original wooden sash windows and doors had been replaced with fixed aluminum frames in the 1970's, changing the appearance significantly. This work damaged the decorative copper panels and associated flashing contributing further to facade water infiltration. Over the years, multiple interior renovations eliminated much of the historic character as well.

The interior and exterior restorations made were primarily guided by photographic evidence. Exterior restoration removed multiple coatings, cleaned and re-pointed the stone and brick facades bringing the decorative detail back into view. Existing historic windows covered by an addition in the 1960's were restored and all windows were replaced with new historically appropriate windows. New entry doors were installed, and the main entry stair and second floor conservatory fountain were restored. The few historic interior elements that remained such as historic light fixtures and terrazzo flooring in the second floor conservatory and the original seating in the auditorium balcony were restored.

Requiring multiple minor additions to accommodate life safety and accessibility requirements, the building is consistent with restoration standards. The building continues to function as a classroom building with portions housing the administrative offices of Houston Community College. With the exception of the remaining historic elements, the conservatory, the gym and the auditorium; complete interior reconstruction was required as the entire interior was altered over the years and finishes had decayed due to lack of maintenance and water infiltration. All MEP, life safety and communications systems required replacement.

The building opened in 1914 as one of Houston's first Junior High Schools and was converted to San Jacinto High School in 1926. With alumni such as Walter Cronkite ('33) and Former Mayor of Houston Kathryn Whitmire ('64 Jones Scholar), San Jacinto High School played a prominent role in the development of the Houston educational system. The original building is a symmetrical, three story neoclassical style block dominated by engaged monumental Doric columns with prominent Art Deco towers connected the flanking classical style wing additions (1928, 1936).

Significant Dates: original 1914; primary additions 1928, 1936; gymnasium 1928; band practice building 1951

Exterior and interior restoration of selected elements with interior reconstruction completed in 2013.

Listed on National Register in 2013.

Sensitive restoration brings this resource back to life after years of deferred maintenance, inappropriate modifications and damage by the elements. With education as well as architecture as the main areas of significance, the building retains its integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and association while serving new generations of students with state of the art classrooms as well as housing the Houston Community College administration.



September 16 , 2014

Awards Jury  
c/o Preservation Texas  
Letter of Support

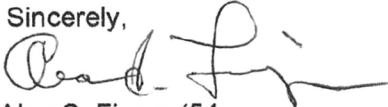
**Re: Houston Community College:  
Historic San Jacinto Memorial High School Renovation / Restoration**

The excitement of witnessing a vital part of Houston's architectural history being restored to its original grandeur and character is profound. Giving a historic structure the opportunity to continue to serve the community it has served for over 100 years is a wonderful achievement. The San Jacinto Memorial High School has been a landmark in the central sector of Houston and been home to many students at the high school, junior high and college levels over its life span.

The careful restoration of the original exterior elevations has truly transformed the building from a brown and beige painted relic to a structure that celebrates the details and features that were original to its roots. Giving the building new life and highlighting the architectural elements that make this such a great example of historic charm. The design team including the owner, architect and contractors diligently worked to provide a building that will support the education of generations to come.

We are very appreciative of our tax payers, HCC administrators and architecture team for their work and efforts. It has been an amazing process of preserving a beautiful part of Houston's history and a building that means so much to those that have been a part of this community.

Sincerely,



Alan S. Finger '54  
Chairman of the Board  
San Jacinto High School Alumni Association





**Construction  
Management**

September 17, 2014

Awards Jury  
c/o Preservation Texas  
P.O. Box 12832  
Austin, Texas 78711

**RE: Houston Community College – San Jacinto Memorial Building**

Dear Awards Jury:

I had the pleasure of managing a wonderful project team that had a dedicated architectural team, Brown Reynolds Watford (BRW) Architects and historical architect Lord Aeck Sargent. Along with Skanska, the construction manager at risk, we were able to embody and encapsulate the history of the building with BRW's guidance. The building was internally gutted and the exterior was restored to its original finish. The building is highlighted by the architectural beauty of the sculptures, engraving, windows, towers, and copper panels. On the interior, we were able to capture some of the original classroom features with the doors, transoms, window sills, and natural light. Most significantly was the revitalization of the auditorium, conservatory, and gymnasium. These gathering areas embrace the memories and encapsulate the history for all the Alumni.

The building is also the first building for HCC Central Campus to incorporate LEED Silver qualifications and be registered on the National Texas Registry of Historical Buildings. This in itself is a great accomplishment and the college is very proud of this building. It is the main focal point for the surrounding midtown community and admired throughout the system.

Congratulations San Jacinto Memorial Building on celebrating your 100<sup>th</sup> year and making history!

Sincerely,

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Houston Community College  
Sr. Project Manager





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**Re: Texas State University: Old Main Building**

To Whom It May Concern,

It is a pleasure for SKANSKA Construction to write this letter of recommendation for Brown Reynolds Watford Architects. The partnership with Brown Reynolds Watford Architects (BRW) on the Houston Community College restoration/addition project of the San Jacinto Memorial Building is an excellent example of how a design and construction team can work hand in hand towards a unified goal.

The relationship between BRW and SKANSKA is one worth bragging about. I know BRW is diligent in meeting project deadlines and you bring a collaborative attitude to work every day. It's the attitude and attention to detail that makes our work easier on the project site.

What impresses me the most about BRW is your steady leadership and constant professionalism towards everyone working on the project. Even in the face of the most challenging moments on the jobsite, BRW Management never loses their cool. When difficult decisions must be made, I want BRW at the table. BRW expertise helps the group reach the right decisions for the project and client.

Working closely to establish the GMP, the BRW SKANSKA team developed creative design solutions to meet HCC's vision for the future of the San Jacinto Memorial Building. Finding creative ways to add value to the project included researching material options that weren't originally considered.

My experience of working with BRW has been excellent, and I would welcome the opportunity to work with you in the future.

Sincerely ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JP Chandler", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

JP Chandler  
Project Executive