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S&P COMPLETES DISD'S NEW KATHLYN JOY GILLIAM COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

DALLAS, TEXAS (August 17, 2011) – The Dallas Business Unit of Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc. (S&P) recently completed construction of the Kathlyn Joy Gilliam Collegiate Academy in south Dallas. The new Dallas Independent School District early college high school will provide a college preparatory curriculum for up to 500 students.

The two-story steel structure with brick and glass exterior sits on a 10-acre site and provides an environment with the look and feel of a university campus. Named for the longtime Dallas ISD school board member, the 103,000-square-foot school provides 24 classrooms, science labs, library, offices, cafeteria and kitchen with high-end appliances, gymnasium, tiered lecture pavilion, auditorium and amphitheater, and outdoor sports facilities.

Designed by SHW Group, the new school is a Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) project. CHPS criteria include features for improved health, productivity and student performance, decreased operating costs, and increased energy savings.

Elements of “green” design at Kathlyn Joy Gilliam Collegiate Academy include geothermal heating and cooling, energy-efficient lighting in classrooms, auditorium and gymnasium, and low-consumption plumbing fixtures. Students also were involved with the project from its inception and participated in choosing wall colors and other design elements.

High-end components and finishes are showcased throughout the school and include a fiber concrete panel system from Switzerland, Italian marble, bamboo, and Simplex perforated metal panels. S&P used Building Information Modeling to create a three-dimensional model from the architectural and structural plans to coordinate mechanical, electrical and plumbing trades. S&P completed the \$21.5 million project in just over a year.

About Satterfield & Pontikes Construction

Established in 1989, Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc. is an award-winning general contractor and construction manager. *Engineering News-Record* ranks S&P #105 in ‘Top 400 Contractors’ in the U.S. *Texas Construction* ranks S&P #18 in ‘Top Texas Contractors’ (out of 125 firms) and #2 in ‘Educational Facility Construction.’ S&P’s commitment to sustainable construction also earned a spot on *Engineering News-Record’s* ‘Top 100 Green Builders’ in America. *ENR Texas and Louisiana* recently selected S&P as one of ‘Six Companies to Watch’ in 2011.

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