

Best Dormitory



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Chicago

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—Larry Booth, partner,
Booth Hansen Associates


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Located in downtown Chicago, the new residence hall for the School of the Art Institute is clad in GFRC panels, which emulate the look of the Windy City's historic buildings finished in terra cotta. The dormitory is composed of two connected buildings and a rear link.
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"The fundamentals of the building are the same as those constructed 100 years ago. The Residential Hall can be regarded as a Chicago-vernacular high rise. Using GFRC panels gave us the best of both worlds, because we could achieve the finer articulation of terra cotta while also providing the durability, strength and simplified erection of precast concrete panels."

— Anne Patterson

THE JUDGES SAID...

"This project is very nicely detailed. It produced a most interesting design that is perfect for downtown Chicago. It's a solution that works well, showing the type of detailed work and returns that can be accomplished with GFRC. It lightens the structure's weight, which reduces structural framing costs. That creates a particular advantage on a high-rise building."