

Briefs: University Center wins

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The University Center of Lake County in Grayslake received a 2007 "Gold Award" in the Illinois/Indiana Masonry Council's annual "Excellence in Masonry" competition.

Only two out of 100 submissions received the distinction. Judges lauded the architect's use of brick, which was chosen to match buildings at the center's location on the College of Lake County campus but designed to make the building stand out as a separate entity.

As the first facility of its kind in Illinois, the center houses baccalaureate and graduate degree programs from 18 Illinois colleges and universities. The \$19.8 million, 91,000-square-foot facility combines programs from all participating institutions under one roof. It was completed in October 2005. Legat Architects Inc. was the architect on the project.