



AIA

Eastern
Illinois
Chapter



A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY EMIL & PATRICIA A. JONES, JR. CONVOCAION CENTER

Project Location: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Architect: WILLIAM E. BRAZLEY & ASSOCIATES, LTD.
Contractor: CASTLE CONSTRUCTION
Client: CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Project Description:

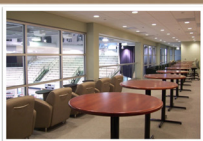
Brief Description:

Chicago State University was the only public university in the state of Illinois without an on-campus facility sufficiently large enough to accommodate its commencement and convocation exercises. The development of the new \$40 million multi-purpose Convocation Center will serve as a significant contribution toward the fulfillment of the University's stated mission.

This state-of-the-art convocation center for Chicago State University includes a multipurpose assembly hall/sports arena seating approximately 7,000 spectators with complete support facilities.

The masonry, metal panel, aluminum and glass curtain wall framing systems encloses approximately 172,000 sq. ft. Also included in the facility is an arts and communications center that will offer facilities for theatre, dance, music, and broadcasting.

The primary structure consists of deep steel trusses supported by a steel and concrete structural frame.

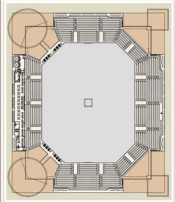
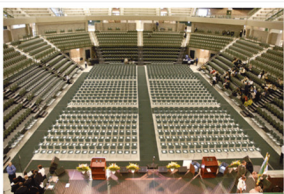
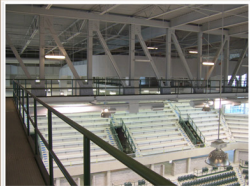


Jury Comments:

"...Strong geometry and contemporary details make this building a standout. Shading features add to the overall aesthetic brick pattern of the building and breakup the scale of this large project."



"...Forms provide good focal point to entries as well as breaking down scale to visitors. Corners provide great shading elements. Large building has sensible scale."



"Excellence In Design"



2008
DISTINGUISHED
BUILDING AWARDS