



NORTH CENTRAL TERRAZZO ASSOCIATION

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Notre Dame Science Learning Center



A Terrazzo project that defies time and space.

Incredibly creative terrazzo floor designs were implemented at the Science Learning Center at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana. This unique usage of terrazzo which incorporates a solar system motif, is intriguing to visitors while becoming one of the hottest on-campus topics of conversation.



close-up of solar system



Visionary designers from architectural firm The S/L/A/M Collaborative of Glastonbury, Connecticut came up with a 10,000 square foot floor design which included the sun and all nine orbiting planets in the correct proportional radius from it.



Additionally, there were eight water-jet cut medallions positioned down the center corridor representing each department of the science building. These were produced by Angelozzi in precast form. The contractor, Art Mosaic & Tile Company, Inc., set the medallions into position and subsequently poured the floor right up to each of them.



An interesting product mix was used for this floor. There were three different colors incorporated and no exotic chips whatsoever. Rather, chips came from Canada, Italy and domestically from Texas. The resin was Terroxy and divider strips ranged in size from 3/8" x 1/8", 3/8" x 1/4" and 3/8" x 3/8". National Metals provided the strips as well as 4" planetary symbols made of 3/8" brass.



Ultimately, this project proved to be a shining star; it was a 2007 National Terrazzo & Mosaic Association Honor Award Winner!

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