



BANKER WIRE MESH ADDS BEAUTY TO LEED GOLD TO TOWSON UNIVERSITY WEST VILLAGE COMMONS

MUKWONAGO, WI—JANUARY 30, 2012—Towson University wanted to create an inviting gathering place for students to socialize and study, one that included meeting and study rooms, dining and retail shops, and was infused with the spirit and energy of campus. With those goals as its guide, Baltimore based GWWO Architects, designer of the new West Village Commons for Towson University, was looking for an alternative to glass for the building's grand staircase and second floor atrium safety railings. It turned to Banker Wire for help.

Banker Wire, the worldwide leader in the manufacture of wire mesh for architectural and industrial applications, provided its 3DZ-151 architectural woven wire mesh for the project. This attractive open-weave mesh is near opaque when viewed straight-on, but becomes translucent when viewed at an angle. This feature provides some privacy at the atrium level where students eat, but like glass, allows light to pass through, creating a safe enclosure that doesn't impart a "closed-in" feeling.

"We chose Banker Wire mesh because it is a beautiful product," said Alan E Reed, FAIA, LEED AP, Design Principal of GWWO Architects.

"Our 3DZ family of wire mesh weaves offers unique open characteristics that further enhance the aesthetic appeal of many different types of projects," said Harrison Horan, Vice President of Banker Wire. "Because the opacity of the mesh changes depending on the viewer's perspective, it lends each project a beautiful, customized flair."

The building, now open and offering much needed gathering space at the west edge of campus, received a Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). Banker Wire products help projects earn LEED certification by contributing credits in several different areas, including pollution reduction, energy performance, recycled contents, and regional material use.

Banker Wire was established in 1896 by Charles Banker as C.I. Banker Wire & Iron Works. Located in Milwaukee's 5th Ward, the company originally built wrought iron and wire products used for fire escapes and bank-teller cages. Today, Banker Wire employs nearly 100 people and is the world's leading manufacturer of woven and welded wire mesh for industrial and architectural applications.

About Banker Wire

Headquartered in the Milwaukee area, Banker Wire is the worldwide leader in the manufacture of wire mesh for architectural and industrial applications. Products include highly customizable woven and welded wire mesh. Banker Wire consistently challenges the status quo and creates cutting-edge wire mesh products designed to meet and exceed its customers' needs and desires. For information, please call 1-800-523-6772 or visit www.bankerwire.com.

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About Architectural Woven Wire Mesh

Pre-crimped woven wire mesh is constructed of individual wires that are crimped prior to being woven together on a loom. Pre-crimping the wires provides a much higher degree of control during the weaving process. This allows for far more intricate and interesting patterns, as well as unique customization, to meet the vision of the designer. Banker Wire has refined and innovated its crimping process more than any other manufacturer, delivering more than 8,000 different spacing, diameter, and crimp combinations, plus endless customization options. As a result, Banker can make any woven wire mesh pattern imaginable – manufactured to specify for any project type.

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