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## Windermere High School wins top state architectural award

Windermere High School, which opened in August, won First Place in the Architectural Showcase (High School category) at the Florida Educational Facilities Planners Association's (FEFPA) winter conference. The conference and awards showcase was held January 31 to February 2 at Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast, Florida.

The school was designed by SchenkelShultz Architecture and built by Wharton-Smith, Inc.

Windermere High features a Florida traditional architectural style with Bahama shutters and metal roofs. It is the first OCPS school to feature a rainwater cistern, which funnels water to the greenhouse. The school also features interactive touch panel TVs in every classroom, a 1-to-1 digital device ratio, WiFi throughout and audio enhancement in every classroom. Classrooms are arranged around collaborative spaces that encourage teamwork, and the cafeteria features restaurant-style seating and décor. The school is built to meet Green Globes Building Standards.

FEFPA's annual architectural showcase recognizes outstanding educational facility design. Projects were evaluated on innovative response to the educational program, aesthetics and use of materials, flexibility for community use, technology provisions, "green" design, use of space, flexibility and site development.

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