



Central Texas – Balcones Chapter

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### USGBC Central Texas - Balcones Chapter 2011 Green School Awards

**Austin, TX, September 29, 2011** - The Green Schools Committee of the USGBC Central Texas - Balcones Chapter announced today the 2011 Green School Award Winners:

#### Winners:

K-12                   **Gloria Marshall Elementary School**, Spring ISD, Springs, TX (SHW Group – Houston)

Higher Ed           **University of Texas Dallas Student Services Building**, Dallas, TX (Perkins & Will)

#### Honorable Mentions:

K-12                   **Cibolo Green Elementary School**, North East ISD, San Antonio, TX (Pfluger Associates Architects)

**Dailey Middle School**, Del Valle ISD, Austin, TX, Pfluger Associates Architects)

Higher Ed           **Sabine Science Hall**, Richland College, Dallas County Community College District, Dallas, TX (Perkins & Will)

The USGBC Central Texas – Balcones Chapter Green School Awards recognize sustainable design exemplary in promoting public awareness with the idea that every school can present the opportunity for each student to develop a love for learning through energy efficient buildings, higher test scores, and low absenteeism.

Denise Shaw, Chair of USGBC Central Texas – Balcones Chapter’s Green Schools Committee, agrees: “The Green School Awards is an opportunity to acknowledge schools that have incorporated best practices for energy efficiency, water efficiency, and indoor environmental quality – to build high performance school buildings with high performing students and staff. Each year the projects submitted are more and more comprehensive in their approach to the design and construction of green schools in our State...This award allows us to showcase the projects that continue to set the bar higher on designing Texas Green Schools, through design innovations and collaboration with the local school Districts.”

The award winning schools will be recognized at this year’s Fourth Annual **Green School Symposium** on Monday, October 10, 2011, at Cibolo Green Elementary School in San Antonio. For more information about the Symposium or to register please visit: <http://www.usgbc-centraltexas.org/greenschools.php>

Jurors for the 2011 Green School Awards were: Emily Knupp, LEED AP, United States Green Building Council, Center for Green Schools, K-12 Associate, Washington, D.C.; Bob Kobet, AIA, LEED Faculty, Sustainaissance International, Pittsburgh, PA; and Hazem Rashed-Ali, Ph.D., LEED AP, Assistant Professor & Graduate Advisor of Record, The University of Texas at San Antonio, College of Architecture, San Antonio, TX.

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Dailey Middle School



Cibolo Green Elementary School



Gloria Marshall Elementary School



Sabine Science Hall



UT Dallas Student Services Building



### **About the Chapter:**

The U.S. Green Building Council Central Texas - Balcones chapter is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to accelerating adoption of sustainable building and land development practices in Central and South Texas through innovation, education, advocacy and partnerships. Founded in 2003, USGBC CT-B has over 500 members comprising building and associated industry professionals from Austin, San Antonio, Waco, the Rio Grande Valley and the surrounding 72 counties. The Chapter's role is to promote the use of high performance and sustainable development practices to local, regional and state government, educational institutions, those involved in the residential and commercial construction, development and realty sectors, and others who might influence the implementation of these practices. The Chapter hosts workshops and study groups related to LEED Green Building Rating System™; holds educational sessions on sustainable technologies and applications, and offers networking events for the region's green-building professionals. To learn more, visit: [www.usgbc-centraltexas.org](http://www.usgbc-centraltexas.org).