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**Brentwood School Opens the Caruso Watt Aquatics Center**

LOS ANGELES - Brentwood School will open the Caruso Watt Aquatics Center, designed by Parallax Associates, on (date TBD). This state-of-the-art facility features a 25-meter by 25-yard, 10-lane competition swimming pool, and a 5,100 sf locker room building. The Center is the latest demonstration of the Brentwood School’s commitment to athletics as an integral part of a well-rounded education.

Founded in 1972, Brentwood School consists of a lower K-6 campus and an upper 7-12 campus, both located on Sunset Boulevard in the Brentwood community. Parallax partners Joseph Masotta and Craig Jameson have worked with the school since 1994 on projects ranging from remodeling individual buildings to complete campus planning. The Aquatics Center is the twelfth collaboration between Parallax and Brentwood School.

“Joe and Craig have a very good sense of who we are as an institution,” said Don Winter, Assistant Head of Brentwood School. “Their designs continue to be functional and adaptable, while keeping with our aesthetic expectations.”

The Caruso Aquatics Center will finally allow Brentwood School to train their swim team on-site and host competitive meets. Situated between the school’s track field and auditorium, the 1.6-acre facility also enables Brentwood School to offer Water Polo as an athletic option. Campus safety has also been improved by better organizing an adjacent pedestrian plaza, separating it from nearby parking.

The centerpiece of the Caruso Watt Aquatic Center is the competition-size pool, featuring a rimless gutter system that will maintain water level even with the surrounding deck, creating one continuous surface. Masotta and Jameson kept this mirror-like surface in mind when designing the locker-room and mechanical building. Nestled into a steep bank, the building’s 95-foot façade features a striking geometric colonnade.

Piers of Alaskan Cedar and an overhead trellis form a dramatic proscenium through which swim teams will enter and exit the pool area.

Green design features were incorporated throughout the project. The placement of the building into the hillside, along with shade from a high retaining wall, will reduce the need for heating and air-conditioning. Pool water will circulate through radiant solar panels on the roof of the locker room, lowering heating costs. At night, thermal covers rolled over the pool surface will reduce heat loss and save energy.

Brentwood School boilerplate:

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