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**MILTON HERSHEY**

FOUNDERS HALL



# Simpson Gumpertz & Heger

Building Renovation, Between \$15-40M  
Hershey, PA

Bowie Gridley Architects, Architect  
Kinsley Construction, Contractor

Constructed and completed in 1970, Founders Hall is an iconic focal point on the 7,500-acre campus of the Milton Hershey School, a private boarding school located in Hershey, Pennsylvania that serves Grades K through 12. Perched atop a small hill, the building features a distinctive marble-clad 75 ft high Rotunda that projects well above the adjacent campus buildings. It is one of the most unique and impressive pieces of architecture in central Pennsylvania. Situated at the heart of campus, The Hall houses the school's visitors center, cafeteria, and 2,500-seat auditorium along with various offices for administrative and business functions.

Starting in 2016, renovations to Founders Hall began. These included upgrades to the overall interior and exterior aesthetic; upgrades throughout the building to meet current code requirements; accessibility upgrades to facilitate traffic throughout the building; structural and architectural adjustments to distinguish the main public entrance from school entrances; construction of a new elevator and two new stair towers inside the Rotunda space; alterations to the auditorium rear balcony to mitigate vibrations; construction of balcony boxes in the auditorium for prime seating; the addition of two new stair towers and one elevator at the auditorium side corridors; and many other improvements to the auditorium to create a state-of-the-art performance venue.





