



Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream (MCAAD) is one of the latest museum additions in Washington D.C. It is dedicated to educating visitors about the American Dream through interactive exhibits and experiences. Two National Register-listed former bank buildings across from the White House and U.S. Treasury were restored to house this new museum: The American Security & Trust Company building and the Riggs National Bank, also known as “The Bank of Presidents,” as nearly half of all U.S. Presidents banked with Riggs.

The Riggs National Bank, a Neo-Classical Revival structure, was designed by the New York architecture firm York & Sawyer and constructed between 1899 and 1904. The building was added to the national register as part of the Lafayette Historic District in 1970 and as an individual building in 1973. Select areas of the buildings’ interiors were retained, salvaged, and transformed into multifunctional spaces, featuring exhibit spaces in their grand interior banking halls, an auditorium, a banquet hall, and offices for the Milken Foundation.

During the construction and planning phase, EverGreene investigated and determined the original decorative finishes which later guided the comprehensive restoration of decorative plasterwork, painting, and gilding. EverGreene’s restoration specialists reintroduced historic decorative schemes, including more than 100 ornate rosettes painted with blue, white, and gold trim, and three decorative octagonal panels. The preservation of this significant piece of architectural art now decorates the interior in one of the main exhibit halls....

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SERVICES PERFORMED

Decorative Painting & Finishes
Gilding
Investigation, Testing & Analysis
Plasterwork

PROJECT DETAILS

Client

The Milken Family Foundation

Contractor

Grunley Construction Company, Inc.

Architect

Shalom Baranes Associates

Engineer

Coffman Engineers

