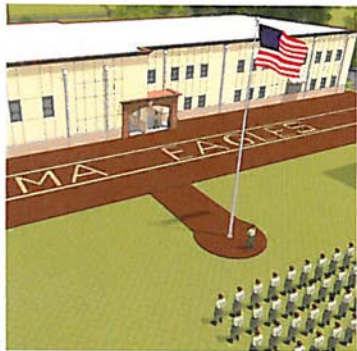


Sarasota Military Academy Constructs New Building Designed by Carlson Studio Architecture

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The new 30,000-square-foot classroom and gymnasium at Sarasota Military Academy needed to accomplish a lot of things—but most importantly construction had to begin and end in four months over the summer. Sarasota Military Academy turned to Carlson Studio Architecture and Southern Cross Contracting, Inc. to make the impossible, possible. The architectural firm, headed by principal and architect, Michael Carlson, created an initial master plan and design for the school's new two-story building. The dual-purpose building will provide much-needed space for students on the 1950s campus by expanding facilities while integrating with the existing campus. Housing a media center, science labs, music and storage areas as well as a gymnasium, it meets the Sarasota Military Academy's need for flexibility—the gymnasium can be partitioned into three distinct spaces. John Proctor and the team at Southern Cross constructed the project using conventional building methods at an accelerated pace and broke ground on the two-story structure last spring following the demolition of the old gym. By June, the first and second floors were underway, putting the project on-track for completion in time for the 2008-2009 school year. **Visits Carlson Studio Architecture at 1613 Fruitville Rd., Ste. 1, Sarasota, and online at www.carlsonstudio.org. Visit Southern Cross at 6000 Deacon Place, Sarasota, and online at www.southerncrosscontracting.com.**



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