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Rice Fergus Miller Wins Three Awards

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Rice Fergus Miller has won awards for three built projects throughout the Puget Sound region.

The Sophia Bremer Child Development Center at Olympic College in Bremerton won the People's Choice INaward from the International Interior Design Association's North Pacific Chapter. The LEED® Silver building, which includes seven dedicated childcare rooms, administrative offices, and a classroom is a teaching facility and childcare center that serves approximately 100 children. The building is filled with unique features including tricycles hanging as art at the entry, a tunnel-like ramped corridor with porthole windows, and water-related design features woven into the building as teaching elements for the children. One client commented about the space, "I love this place! Its magical inside and out."

Olympic College
Sophia Bremer Child Development Center

Olympia Fire Station 4

The City of Olympia Fire Station 4 won a Station Style Gold award from the national Fire Chief magazine's 11th Annual Design Awards in their Career Station category. This LEED® Gold station has achieved a 24% reduction in energy consumption compared to conventional fire stations. This can be attributed to the use of energy efficient direct and indirect lighting, daylight sensors for turning light fixtures off, aggressive insulating of walls and roofs, heat exchangers to recapture warmth from exhausted air, low flow plumbing fixtures, and installation of a high-efficiency HVAC system. It will serve the Olympia community well by costing less to operate while satisfying the response needs of the area for many years.

Valley Regional Fire Authority
Fire Station 32

The newly renovated Valley Regional Fire Authority Fire Station 32 in Auburn also won a Station Style Gold award from Fire Chief magazine in their Renovation category. This project included a 635 square foot addition and reconfiguration of living quarters. A single large dorm room was replaced with six private sleep rooms. Gender disproportionate locker rooms were replaced with private restrooms. Renovating this station was accomplished for approximately 60% of the cost of building new.

Rice Fergus Miller is an architecture, interior design, and planning firm located in downtown Bremerton. The firm can be reached at www.rfmarch.com.

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