



2022 CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The Certificate of Merit is given to individuals involved in historic preservation activities, education, restoration, etc. whose projects may not qualify for the Gunn or Schoenknecht awards but deserve recognition by the Landmarks Commission.

Nominations should be submitted to Charlie Griffith in the City of Waukesha Planning Department, 201 Delafield Street, Waukesha, WI 53188. Nominations may also be submitted by e-mail to cgriffith@waukesha-wi.gov.

All nominations are due no later than Monday April 4th, 2022. The Landmarks Commission will review nominations at the April 6th, 2022 meeting.

Nominee: Carroll University

Address: 304 N. East Ave.

Submitter: Tom Heffernan, Director of Facilities

Submitter Contact Info (email or phone): 262.524.73430 or theffern@carrollu.edu

Please provide a brief explanation of the merits of the project:

Sam Thomson Building 1929

Carroll University's submittal for the 2022 Certificate of Merit in Historic Preservation Activities.

Originally a commercial building on the main floor and residential on the 2nd story. The building is brick with 2-stories plus basement. The building is currently owned and occupied by Carroll University.

With the exception of the addition of an elevator, the exterior has not been significantly altered - it consists of yellow clinker brick, wood windows, entry doors, storefront windows with metal frames, with some limited areas of stucco/half-timber style wood trim.

The brick chimney collapsed during a storm in 2019 and created a large hole in the roof structure which caused significant water damage to the interior. Many of the original interior spaces have been demolished and reconfigured for the current, Center for Student Health & Wellness for Carroll University. The cost to restore this building was \$2,990,000.

The historic significance of this restored building mimics the original colors, windows, roofing with the exterior architectural features highlighted. The interior of the building has restored the terrazzo floors, much of the original oak floors and all salvageable doors. All of the interior wood trim is an exact match to the original woodwork. The project's historic architect researched and verified the building's historic attributes. The front elevation that faces East Avenue was restored in detail.

WHS Architecture & History Inventory: "Designed by architect S.A. Snyder, the building suggests a home rather than a commercial building. The sloping front gable with its "half-timber" design is typical of many Tudor Revival buildings. The arched entrances to the upper floors are also of interest. It is quite probable that this commercial building was constructed to blend in with the Gothic architecture found in the older buildings of nearby Carroll College (University)"

Building Photos from the 1970's



Building Photos – April 2022



Restored West Elevation with elevator addition. View to northwest



Restored East Elevation – view from East Avenue to west.