

**The Edgcombe Group, Inc.**

# The Historic Wiley H. Bates Campus Memorial and Heritage Center

**Clients:**

Arundel Community Development Services (ACDS), Maryland Historic Trust, Anne Arundel County, and the City of Annapolis

**Location:**

Annapolis, Maryland

**Point of Contact:** (ACDS)

Bill Gibbons, *Project Manager*

**Project Features:**

- ▶ Ornamental Landscaping
- ▶ Interpretive Signage
- ▶ Pedestrian Amenities
- ▶ Public Art
- ▶ ADA Accessibility Retrofit

**The Edgcombe Group, Inc.'s Role:**

- ▶ Landscape Architecture
- ▶ Historic Preservation
- ▶ Public Participation

**Completion Date:**

2006

**Project Size:**

10,000 square feet

**Project Cost:**

\$500,000 / \$50 sq. ft.

**Key Personnel:**

Leland Edgcombe, ASLA  
*Principal-in-Charge, Senior Landscape Architect*

Ralph Belton, RA, *Senior Architect*

**Award for Overall Project:**

*Historic Annapolis Foundation-Preservation Award*

The Wiley H. Bates Memorial is a spiritual as well as a sacred landscape that tells the story of a larger picture during the time of segregation in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. It is a contemplative space that is intended to stimulate people not only to reflect about their history and the struggles of past generations, but also to represent a people's commitment to excellence, to striving, and to overcoming. The Memorial, which is located in the original school courtyard, is also a dedication to the generations of students who attended this school and graduated between 1933 and 1966, and became distinguished citizens of Anne Arundel County and the State of Maryland.



*Entrance portal to the Memorial Courtyard revealing the school's logo*



*The central flag pole feature was a historic gathering area for the students before school and social events. The pole and local surroundings have been renovated to include the recognition of graduates of the school.*



*Original Courtyard  
(circa 1933)*



*Courtyard in Disrepair  
(1980 through 2000)*



*Design Charrettes (2003)*



*3-D Computer Graphic Design  
of Courtyard (2004)*



*3-D Computer Graphic Design  
of Courtyard (2004)*



Various tasks involved critical analysis and problem solving in historic site restoration for a Nationally designated landmark; public participation; site/environmental analysis; preservation planning in compliance with the Maryland Historic Trust easement requirements; physical site plan development and conceptualization; and recommendation of a comprehensive system of landscape and site features for use in the context of a public memorial.



*Former graduates of the school reflect upon school history and search for engraved bricks carrying the names and dates of fellow school graduates*