

WESCO Restoration and Renovation Frank Lloyd Wright's "Water Dome"



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1. Crowds gather at the grand opening
2. The original basin converted into 3 smaller pools, circa 1970.
3. Restoration of the original basin begins.
4. Installing the custom nozzles.
5. Nozzle alignment test before start up.



Project Overview

Owner: Florida Southern College
Location: Lakeland, Florida
Date: 2007

Having the largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture at one site, the campus of Florida Southern College has always been highly revered. When the time came to update and restore these buildings, the decision was made to resurrect the one structure that was never brought to fruition as Mr. Wright had envisioned: the "Water Dome" fountain.

Mr. Wright envisioned his fountain as a dome of water acting as the decorative centerpiece for the campus, but the technology of the time proved lacking. To fulfill that vision, the architects needed an expert in the water feature industry. Being that expert, WESCO Fountains, Inc. had the ability to provide the college with a complete system solution.

WESCO Fountains used two 75 hp pumps and 74 custom nozzles to bring to life this long missing vision from Frank Lloyd Wright. At over 160 feet in diameter, with streams of water reaching up to 45 feet in the air, the "Water Dome" originally envisioned by the famed architect is now a wonderful reality.

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