



AVRP Studios Wins Gold Nugget Award For Life Sciences Building

July, 2022 -- AVRP Studios is honored to announce that it has won a Gold Nugget award for its new and innovative design concept executed for its client, Aura Biomed at 11010 Torreyana Road in San Diego, which sits on a 183,869 square foot lot, designed for commercial life science tenants.

“The objective of this project was to design a three-story laboratory office building. The concept was to create a “21st Century Life Science” facility to creatively blend nature with technology and showcase the intersection between the two,” said Chris Veum, President, AVRP Studios.

As an initial early step in the process, the team worked to ensure that the building had its own unique identity. This was achieved in part by opening up dark spaces in the interior, in addition to adding an entry element to extend the lobby.

The lobby was expanded to the rear of the building to establish a connection to nature and the canyon beyond it. This affords abundant natural light in the building’s common spaces.

Another aspect of the design’s unique identity is the “brise soleil” screening over the windows which reduce solar gain (temperature increase in the building as a result of sunlight) by 40%. The design team removed the buildings original tilt-up concrete building look with ribbons windows, revitalizing a previously aged, bland-looking structure.

Fitting in with and matching its surrounding natural environment, the building’s entry wall is “preserved” moss, imitating the Torrey Pines nearby.

The building boasts other hidden gem amenities for tenants, like the speakeasy inconspicuously placed on the lower level; the wall containing the entry is hidden behind rows of recycled leather belts and hosts a bar and a simulator for golf and baseball.

Finally, the building is home to a fitness center and outdoor amenities which include a BBQ area, amphitheater, lounge, and open gathering lawn at the back of the building.

Presently, the three-story building is home to a life science company.