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# SCHOTT NARIMA® Color Effects Glass: A rainbow in remembrance

Six 2.40 m high prisms made of the color effects glass NARIMA® at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida, remind us of the two professors and four students who lost their lives during an earthquake in Haiti in 2010.

### The Task

They wanted to help and ended up victims of a natural disaster.

Twelve students and two professors from Lynn University in the United States traveled to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, in January 2010 to assist with humanitarian aid projects. Two days after they arrived, the hotel they were staying at collapsed during a severe earthquake. Six members of the group were killed.

# The Challenge

A place of remembrance for those who had been killed was to be created in the middle of the campus. At the same time, "Remembrance Plaza" was not to convey a majestic, gloomy mood, but rather a positive and inspiring atmosphere. Besides having a portico, arranging for water to flow and producing memorial tablets, the idea was to create a memorial for each of the six individuals by producing a symbolic rainbow. Here, the changing play of

colors was to represent their individual characters and the various facets of their personalities.

The rainbow effect was to be created by six pillars in the shape of threedimensional prisms. The architectural firm Sousa Architecture Inc. from Florida was hired to design the memorial.



### **The Solution**

When it came to realizing this idea, the architects decided in favor of the color effects glass NARIMA® from SCHOTT in the basic colors blue-green for the students and blue-gold for the professors. Each of the prisms consists of three 1.20 x 2.40 m special glass panes for the sides and an equilateral triangle 1.20 m in size for the top side. 63 m² of glass were installed in total as triple glass laminates made of two colored NARIMA® panels and two panes of thermally tempered extraclear low-iron float glass that surround it on both sides.

NARIMA® not only shimmers, but also reflects the environment and offers a clear view of the engraved names of the deceased and inscriptions from their families. SCHOTT achieved the characteristic rainbow effect by combining a variety of different metallic coatings. They resist scratches and offer high chemical stability. Because these properties can be combined, many architects, artists and designers use NARIMA® to produce façade and interior wall glazing and create lively color impressions.

The shimmering prisms fit into the overall ensemble harmoniously. They rest on pedestals inside a water basin that is only a few centimeters deep. One of the six columns made of polished granite rises up behind each of the glass pillars to support a white roof. Water continually flows into the basin from here and makes its way down into the lake as a waterfall by way of the six granite steps.

# THE MATERIAL

• SCHOTT NARIMA® | Color Effects Glass