



Celebrating Skylights!

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Have you ever walked into a skylight-enhanced atrium and had that “awe” moment? That moment where the warmth of natural illumination and beauty of top-lit spaces makes a profound impact.

I think we all have.

More and more, the green building movement and rising energy costs are driving a trend toward skylight-centered design – both in commercial and residential buildings. And skylights have become increasingly sophisticated. Custom shapes and designs along with the integration of louvers for daylighting control are becoming a sustainable staple in noteworthy building projects.

From office buildings to museums and hospitals, more and more entrances feature atriums with skylights and vertical glass to bring greater levels of natural light into interior areas.

The case for skylights is compelling:

- Save money. Skylights can help you save up to 75% of energy used for electrical lighting and reduce total electricity demand by 20% to 40%!
- Improved moods. Ample amounts of sunlight can help prevent and mitigate seasonal disorders and depression.
- Improved productivity and performance. Studies prove that higher levels of daylight in office and school environments significantly improve work and study performance, and reduce the numbers of sick days.
- Enhanced esthetic appeal. Natural illumination is simply the best lighting system for interior design. Daylight provides improved esthetics, promotes enhanced color and creates a better definition of space. It also highlights architectural details for maximum impact.



Jacobson Athletic Building

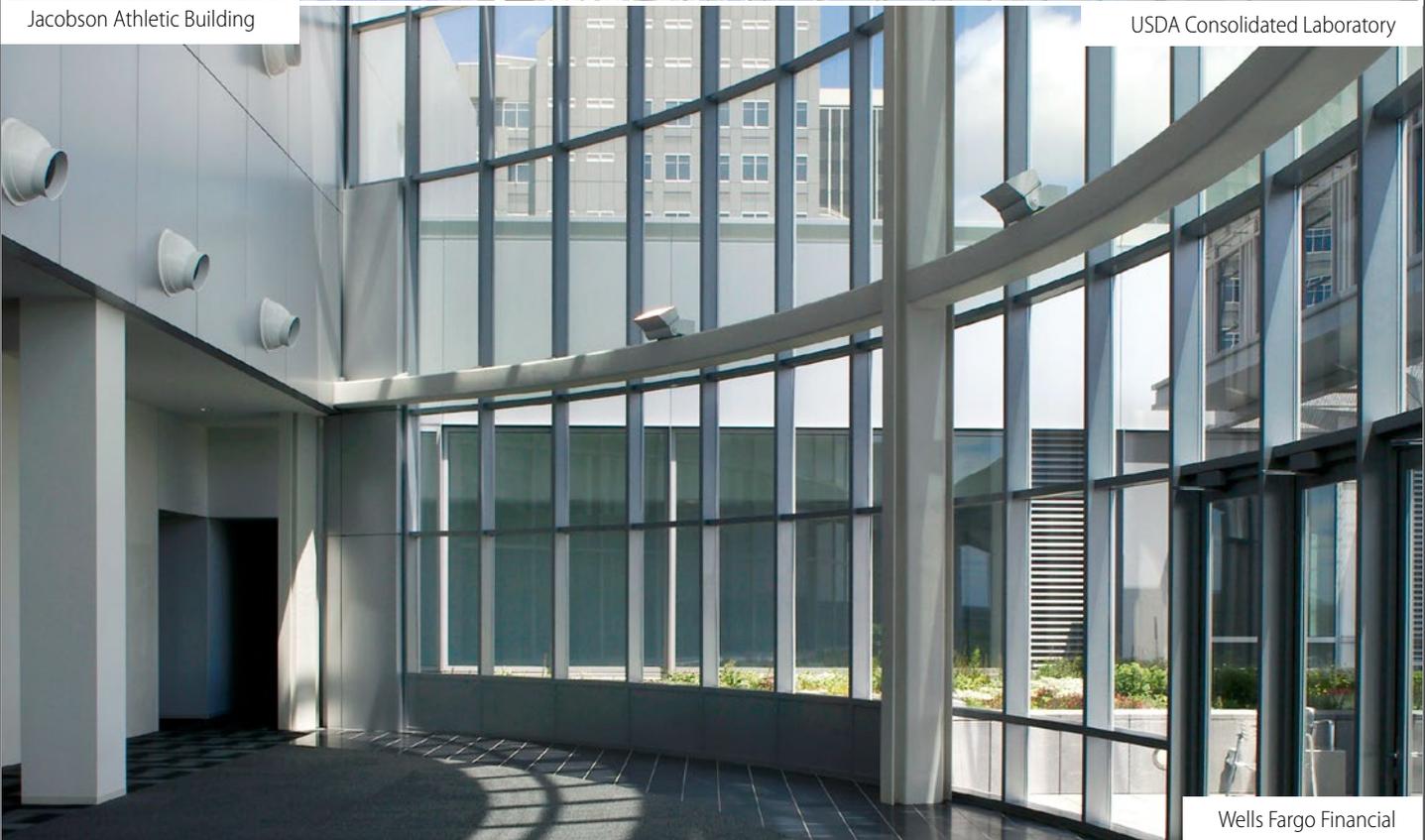
In short, skylights are amazing!

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We'd like to share just a few examples with you:



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