

# THE BENJAMIN UPPER SCHOOL

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA



The campus design of The Benjamin Upper School echoes its mission to provide a challenging college preparatory education to a diverse student body in a structured, nurturing environment. The private high school campus is a 50-acre parcel developed into 69,846 sq.ft. of classrooms, 100,000± sq.ft. of other educational facilities, four fields, and four tennis courts.

It was the role of Urban Design Studio to refine the master plan and prepare landscape plans for the school campus and facilitate the approval process with the City of Palm Beach Gardens. The UDS Planning Team secured government approvals for Site Plan

Review, Concurrency certification, and Art in Public Places applications.

The UDS landscape architectural team consulted with school officials and the project engineers to coordinate aesthetic landscapes within the school campus. A 100-foot upland preserve and parkway were contoured along Central Boulevard, a main arterial street and a 15-foot native landscape buffer installed along the western boundary. The design team personalized the campus with the school colors of orange and blue through the use of flowering trees, accent plants and flower beds. Beautiful, Florida native plants such as royal palms, cabbage palms, live

oaks, satinleaves, and silver and green buttonwoods were used to provide accent and shade for the students and employees on campus.

Five hundred students grace the school grounds inspired to grow, achieve and experience a first class education. UDS was motivated to design and promote the best possible learning environment by understanding and maintaining a personal responsibility to the school, its purpose, and the students.