The Air Force Academy’s Center for Character and Leadership Development is a bold symbol of the Academy’s commitment to its Honor Code, the moral center of its curriculum. Its unusual shape points to Polaris, the pole star central to classic celestial navigation and a symbol of the Academy.

The glazed structure, dramatically uplit from within at night, covers a fully daylight conference center. A system of dimmable LED floodlights focused on a suspended mirror array provides evening illumination of its central Forum. The Wing Honor Board Room is designed to provide a direct view of Polaris through a ceiling aperture.

The skylight structure is uplit from within using 140 narrow beam LED floodlights, each aimed at a specific level of horizontal structure.

Diagram of visual axis from Wing Honor Board Room witness chair through the Forum skylight aperture to position of Polaris, the pole star.