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BERKELEY COLLEGE COMPLETES \$9 MILLION EXPANSION OF ITS WOODLAND PARK CAMPUS – THE NEW RENAISSANCE HALL SERVES AS A HUB FOR STUDENT SERVICES

WOODLAND PARK – Berkeley College will look to the future on September 17, 2014, when it celebrates the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly constructed Renaissance Hall, a 35,000-square-foot hub for student services built by the college with private funds at a cost of \$9 million.

“Renaissance Hall provides an innovative environment that supports teaching and learning, and encourages students to reach their full potential,” said Dario A. Cortes, PhD, President of Berkeley College.

Renaissance Hall is fully wireless for technology and encompasses six classrooms; exterior and interior student community gathering spaces; a dining facility; spaces for the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs and Student Development and Campus Life; a bookstore; an Academic Support Center; a Library; a work space for the School of Liberal Arts faculty; a fitness room; an Admissions Welcome Center; meeting rooms and conference rooms; and a multi-purpose room. The focal point of the structure is a modern atrium, comprising three stories of glass, facing east.

The opening of Renaissance Hall, located at 44 Rifle Camp Road in Woodland Park, NJ, marks the completion of Phase 2 of a Master Plan for the Woodland Park location. Phase 1, which commenced in July 2011, included the construction of a new driveway and improvements to the main entrance, additional sidewalks for student and staff safety, a bus loop, and new LED lighting. Phase 3, which is currently under way, will convert the vacated library to a gallery to showcase the work of Fashion, Graphic Design and Interior Design students.

Looking to the Future while Honoring the Past

Berkeley College opened its location in West Paterson (now Woodland Park), NJ, in 1976 on a 45-acre tract of land that became known as the Garret Mountain Campus. At the time, the College shared the location with the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, whose headquarters had been established there in the mid-1020s, and Tombrock College, a two-year Catholic college that had closed.

In 1998, after years of sharing the campus, Berkeley College occupied all of the existing facilities at the location. In 2003, the College’s Board of Trustees exercised the option to purchase the Garret Mountain Campus. Full-size statues representing the Stations of the Cross are still on the property.

Over the years, Berkeley College has become an integral part of the community and was honored by the Woodland Park Mayor and Council in 2012 for its long-standing commitment. The College sponsored the purchase of town signs when voters elected to change the borough's name from West Paterson in 2009, and took part in the Woodland Park Centennial parade and celebration earlier this year.

New Degree Programs Increase Student Options throughout New Jersey

In addition to the expansion of facilities, Berkeley College in New Jersey has also broadened its academic programs. Beginning this year, the College introduced Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degrees in [Accounting](#) and [International Business](#) through the Larry L. Luing School of Business and in [Health Services Management](#) through the School of Health Studies. The College also offers Bachelor of Science degrees in these disciplines.

“Students pursuing BBA degrees can choose more electives, allowing them to take additional courses in their major or in other business areas,” said Marianne P. Vakalis, EdD, Berkeley College Provost.

A leader in providing career-focused education for more than 80 years, Berkeley College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and enrolls approximately 8,000 students – including more than 900 international students – in its Baccalaureate and Associate degree and Certificate programs. The College has six New Jersey locations – Woodland Park, Paramus, Woodbridge, Newark, Clifton and Dover; and three New York locations – Midtown Manhattan, Brooklyn and White Plains. Berkeley College Online® also offers full degree programs. Programs are offered in more than 20 career fields. The website address is www.BerkeleyCollege.edu.

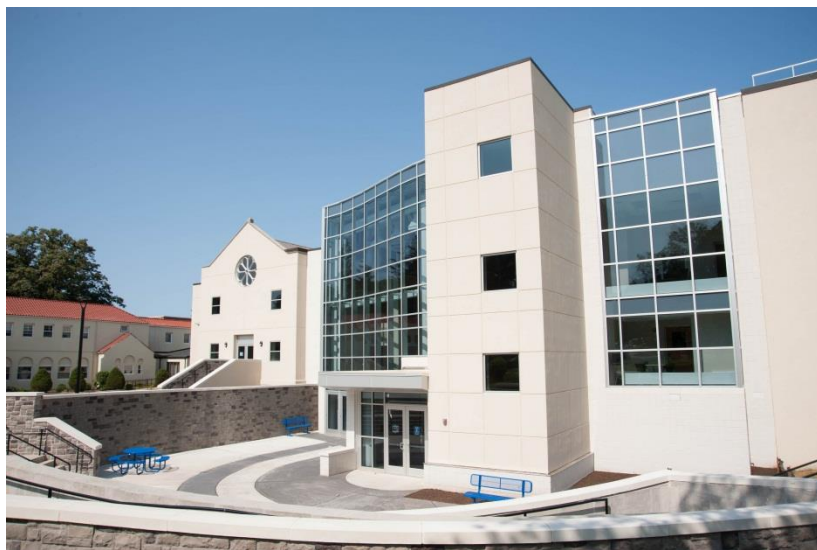


Photo Caption: Berkeley College will look to the future on September 17, 2014, when it celebrates the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Renaissance Hall, a 35,000 square-foot hub for student services that was expanded through \$9 million in private funding. The focal point is the structure's modern atrium, comprising three stories of glass, facing east.

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