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Seton Hall University Completes \$100 Million Dollar Construction and Campus Infrastructure Program for Fall 2014 Semester

New Academic Building Received \$7.5 Million in State Funding

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. — Seton Hall University is proud to announce the completion of a nearly \$100 million program of campus infrastructure improvements, including five major building projects that cost approximately \$63 million. These leading-edge academic, dormitory, transportation, recreational and administrative spaces are enhancing the university experience for a new generation of Pirates.

New Academic Building

With an architectural design to complement the neo-gothic Presidents Hall, the \$12.5 million New Academic Building features 12 technologically advanced classrooms. Nine of the rooms can accommodate 35 students each, while the remaining rooms include two large classrooms that can hold 70 and 50 students apiece and one smaller room for 25 students.

The building provides direct ADA access to Marshall Hall on multiple floors, which visitors can then use to enter Presidents Hall. In a nod to the site's history, Stafford Hall's cornerstone (which was uncovered during its demolition) has been inlaid into the new building's lobby.

The New Academic Building project received generous funding from the State of New Jersey, with \$6.3 million from the Building Our Future Bond Act and \$1.2 million from the Higher Education Facilities Trust Fund.

Aquinas Hall Dormitory Expansion

Streamlined, color-coded in green, yellow and blue for visitors, and upgraded for ADA access and energy efficiency, the \$26.2 million overhaul of Aquinas Hall includes a new lobby and a new fourth floor as well as renovated restrooms and new paint and carpeting throughout the building.

The new fourth floor provides dormitory space for a growing student population living on campus, adding 64 two-student rooms, 18 ADA-accessible rooms and two priest suites. It also features a beautiful glass-enclosed study area as well as larger and more numerous windows than on the lower floors.

Parking Deck

A 594-space, \$12.6 million Parking Deck addition was fast-tracked to meet the demand for on-campus parking and was granted a temporary certificate of occupancy by mid-summer.

Elevators were updated so that they can accommodate a stretcher, as per current safety guidelines. In addition, each of the elevators now has backup power in the event of an emergency. Throughout the deck, overhead lighting is being transitioned from incandescent bulbs to new LED lighting to reduce operating costs.

New Fitness Center

The transformation of Seton Hall University's scenic campus began with the \$10 million New Fitness Center, completed in January, 2014. Located in the Richie Regan Recreational and Athletic Center, the gym stands dramatically at the crossroads of the South Orange campus, with floor-to-ceiling windows offering abundant natural light and stunning views of the Walsh Library, Immaculate Conception Seminary and beyond.

The three-level facility features a spin class studio, a variety of weight-training stations, free weights, 75 cardio machines and a dance studio, where more than 30 fitness classes take place weekly. This new structure has allowed the university to more than double the available equipment and fitness space.

"This wonderful space reflects the university's commitment to the health and wellness of our community," said University President Gabriel Esteban.

So far, tens of thousands of miles have been clocked on the treadmills and upright and recumbent bikes, with many more miles to travel for Seton Hall students.

519 South Orange Avenue

Among the other major projects completed this summer was the \$1.5 million purchase and full renovation of the former medical office at 519 South Orange Avenue directly across from campus, now the new home of the university's Public Relations and Marketing Department, which relocated after 25 years in the Ring Building at 457 Centre Street.

The renovated building features improved and expanded work space for 22 professionals and more than a dozen student assistants in marketing, media relations and publications.

ABOUT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

One of the country's leading Catholic universities, Seton Hall University has been a catalyst for leadership — developing students in mind, heart and spirit — since 1856. Home to nearly 10,000 undergraduate and

graduate students and offering more than 90 academic programs, Seton Hall's academic excellence has been singled out for distinction by *The Princeton Review*, *US News & World Report* and *Bloomberg BusinessWeek*.

Seton Hall, which embraces students of all religions, prepares its graduates to be exemplary servant leaders and caring global citizens. Its attractive main campus is located in suburban South Orange, New Jersey, and is only 14 miles by train, bus or car to New York City, offering a wealth of employment, internship, cultural and entertainment opportunities. The university's nationally recognized School of Law is prominently located in downtown Newark.

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