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SNHU Learning Commons Opens



Learning commons at SNHU | Photography by Mike Sears of RDK

Manchester, NH – A ribbon cutting ceremony was held recently for the new \$18 million, three-story, 50,000sf learning commons at Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU). The new commons, designed by Perry Dean Rogers/Partners Architects is a signature building at the center of campus; functional, practical and aesthetically pleasing.

The university library/learning commons is a venue that creates a center of learning to meet the needs of today's students and their collaborative, social learning style and conveniently provides more services in one location. It has incorporated the latest technologies alongside areas of personal reflection, making it a destination for all of SNHU.

In addition to housing library services, the learning commons also includes an IT help desk, learning and faculty centers, instructional support, a café, and a media production suite. The facility is built in close proximity to the dining hall and allows for the creation of a new campus green along North River Road. The general contractor was Harvey

Design Team

Perry Dean Rogers | Partners Architects
ARCHITECT

Carol R Johnson Associates
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

Lam Partners, Inc.
LIGHTING ARCHITECT

Harvey Construction Corporation
CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS

PMA Consultants
OWNERS PROJECT MANAGER

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Construction of Bedford, landscape architect was Carol R. Johnson Associates, and TFMoran was responsible for site design, survey and environmental permitting including local planning board and state stormwater and wastewater approvals. RDK was the commissioning engineer. PMA Consultants was brought in to complement and support the SNHU



Meeting room



Reference desk

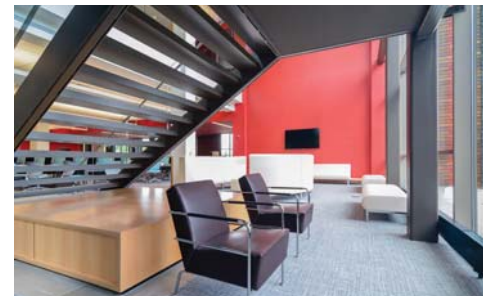


Study lounge

leadership team as a "trusted advisor." Up front, the company reviewed the construction manager at-risk contract documents, identifying areas of exposure and risk to the owner, and recommended revisions to these documents that protected SNHU's best interests and mitigated potential legal pitfalls.

During the construction phase of the project, PMA provided owner's project management services working closely

with all of the project team members. Its daily presence on site proactively addressed concerns, provided timely reporting, and kept the team focused on the end goal. As the building was completed, a logistics schedule was developed and implemented, that seamlessly facilitated and coordinated contractor's on-going construction activities with other various SNHU departments move-in and FF&E vendors.



Seating area under the library's main staircase



Exterior fireplace patio



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