

## Mary Baldwin College–Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences

Fishersville, VA

Mary Baldwin College, a private undergraduate liberal arts college in Staunton Virginia, had a unique opportunity to start a new health sciences program to offer degrees in physical therapy, occupational therapy and nursing. The new program would be offered in a new state-of-the-art building on a new satellite campus for the college. The project includes classrooms, skills labs, a gross anatomy laboratory, dedicated therapy labs, simulation rooms, faculty and administrative offices. Creative programming strategies integrate best practices and the latest trends in health science education. In order to encourage interdisciplinary interaction, the team focused on providing student collaboration spaces inside and outside the classroom.

Goals for the new building included having the design reflect the historic campus, while also establishing a new future for the college. The team identified interior drivers: maximizing light and views; using a mix of materials to creating warm inviting spaces; and a “Wow” factor within the interiors. The resulting design embraces but reinterprets the historic campus’ painted yellow buildings and traditional elements, using a yellow-toned brick and a metal



hipped roof. The building takes full advantage of the rolling site and surrounding mountains.

Throughout the architecture and interior design, palettes and furnishings were intentionally coordinated to engage the extraordinary landscape. A two-story entrance gives way to a dramatic three-story glass student collaboration space. The massing of this space created opportunities for open bridges, break-out balconies and an open grand stair. Warm

exterior stone was repeated and paired with a vibrant colors in student social spaces and continues into the classroom wing.



### New Construction/Addition

#### Science center

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#### DESIGN TEAM

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#### OWNER/CLIENT

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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: Undergraduate; Graduate  
 Capacity: 310  
 Size of Site: 17.70 acres (bldg. footprint); 30 acres (site parcel)  
 Building Area: 54,000 sq. ft.  
 Space per Student: 174 sq. ft.  
 Cost per Student: \$47,103  
 Square Foot Cost: \$270.41  
 Project Cost: \$14,602,226  
 Completion Date: May 2014

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