



Auburn University–South Donahue Residence Hall

Auburn, AL

New Construction/ Addition

Dorm/residence hall

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OWNER/CLIENT

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Auburn, AL

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: Post-Secondary

Capacity: 418 beds

Size of Site: acres

Building Area: 264,000 sq. ft.

Space per Student: 632 sq. ft.

Cost per Student: \$153,000

Square Foot Cost: \$242

Construction Cost: \$59,500,000

Project Cost: \$64,000,000

Completion Date: August 2013

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Auburn University's South Donahue Residence Hall houses co-ed students in near luxury accommodations compared to traditional campus housing, setting a new precedent for on-campus living. The six-story facility is centrally located on the former site of the 100-bed Sewell Hall, which was demolished to make room for the new 418-bed residential building.

Amenities include a Game-Day Lounge, central courtyard for out-





door recreation and living space and an ultramodern dining hall. A majority of the residence hall is comprised of two-bedroom/two-bath and four-bedroom/two-bath suites, in addition to single-room suites for resident staff. Students feel more at home in the apartment-style setting, as opposed to a typical college dorm room, with a full kitchen, washer and dryer,

pre-mounted flat-screen TVs and an inviting living room space already in place upon move in. South Donahue Residence Hall houses several members of the Tigers' football, baseball, basketball, softball, swimming and other sports teams; however, NCAA regulations require at least 51 percent of the units be occupied by the general student population.

ments being constructed, including a 550-car parking deck and ultramodern Wellness Kitchen, also designed by Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. (GMC). Together, these facilities form a new hub for campus activity in the athletic precinct of campus. Designers oriented the Residence Hall in a way that provides almost every room with a direct line of

By fostering an environment that encourages students to interact, not only are athletes able to build and maintain team camaraderie, but to do so without feeling isolated from the overall college experience.

The tight conditions of the site required careful planning and consideration for other develop-

sight to one or more of the university's major sporting and training venues. The three wings of the building encompass the central courtyard, which generates an urban-like atmosphere. Landscaping accommodates a variety of outdoor spaces for recreation, socializing and studying and features a tiered amphitheater, outdoor furniture and concrete table games where students can exercise and connect through friendly competition. Meticulously selected finishes, fixtures and furniture throughout the interiors impart the Auburn Spirit, along with carpets, accent colors and wall coverings that evoke the school colors without being brash or too trendy. In October 2013, the South Donahue Residence Hall won 2nd place in the Association of University Interior Designers Annual Design Competition. GMC provided Architecture, Interior Design, Civil Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture services for the project.