



COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

## Bryant University—Academic Innovation Center Smithfield, RI



### New Construction/Addition Entire school/campus building

#### Bryant University

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Smithfield, RI  
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EYP Architecture and Engineering  
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#### DESIGN TEAM

EYP, Inc., Designer  
Sasaki Associates, Inc., Architecture and Engineering  
Consultants  
Bond Brothers, Construction Management  
Joe Casali Engineering, Civil Engineering  
The Weidt Group, Engery Consultant

#### OWNER/CLIENT

Bryant University  
Smithfield, RI  
The Honorable Ronald K. Machtley, President  
401/232-6000

#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: Post-secondary; graduate  
Capacity: 1,866 occupants  
Size of Site: 3.4 acres  
Building Area: 48,290 gsf  
Space per Student: 25.9 sq. ft.  
Cost per Student: \$16,881  
Square Foot Cost: \$652.31  
Project Cost: \$31,500,000  
Completion Date: September 2016  
Sustainability Rating Status: LEED Certified  
(application in progress)

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With the world becoming more interconnected and technology changing the way we live and do business, institutions of higher education must develop education models and modalities that will prepare students to lead and add value in the marketplace and for society. The multidisciplinary team of Bryant University leaders, faculty, architects, and engineers employed innovative design thinking principles to create a space to enable teaching and learning that prepares students to become the inno-

vative leaders the world needs.

The Academic Innovation Center (AIC) is a state-of-the-art facility, which provides an active, immersive, and collaborative learning environment that supports all academic programs at Bryant University. The 48,290 sq. ft. facility is organized around the Innovation Forum, a highly flexible space with furnishings and whiteboards that can be reconfigured to support various collaborative group learning activities.



The building also includes tiered classrooms, flat-floor flexible classrooms, and breakout spaces to accommodate multimodal presentations and learning. Tiered classrooms, flat-floor flexible classrooms, and breakout spaces contribute to the flexible modes of learning in the AIC.

The AIC is intended to leverage best practices and technology to deliver highly energy-efficient and sustainable building performance. In addition to the LEED certification process, the project team worked closely with NGRID, as part of their Advanced Buildings Program. Some of the innovative features include energy-saving HVAC controls; a high-efficiency HVAC system design; daylight harvesting and low-wattage LED lighting design; improved thermal envelope; and high-performance glazing.

Prominently sited at the campus's main point of arrival, the AIC will welcome visitors and serve as the launching point for admissions tours. A café located near the building's main entrance and adjacent to the President's Walkway, the campus's central pedestrian circulation path, will draw students and faculty to the AIC, further enhancing the strong synergies among the Bryant community.

