



COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of Alabama at Birmingham—New Student Residence Hall

Birmingham, AL



With enrollment at a record high for the fifth consecutive year, UAB initiated the construction of a New Student Residence Hall to accommodate the increased demand for on-campus housing. The project required design and execution of the large project on a confined urban site in the middle of campus. Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood designed the U-shaped facility, comprising an eight-story tower and four-story wing that includes common areas and multipurpose space, in addition to housing for more than 700 students.

The eight-story tower provides the density of housing required for this urban residence hall, while the four-story wing helps the building relate in scale to its neighboring buildings on campus without overshadowing them. Together they create a dedicated green space for residents with seating walls, a shaded pergola, tables, concrete table tennis for recreation, and wooden seating boxes, which conceal storm drainage inlets. The project team worked with the City of Birmingham and the university to close off a block of 9th Avenue and reclaimed it as a student green space. As a result, the new residence hall is more seamlessly connected with campus and future developments with safer pedestrian

crossings and a promenade green space.

The promenade supports UAB's ongoing efforts to create a more pedestrian-friendly campus by incorporating green boulevards and spaces in the midst of the surrounding metropolitan area. Lawn areas and informal groupings of trees surround the central plaza, providing an aesthetic connection between the indoor spaces and the exterior environment.

New Construction/Addition Dorm/residence halls

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: Post-Secondary
Capacity: 714 beds
Building Area: 222,000 gsf
Space per Student: 311 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$52,496/bed
Square Foot Cost: \$169
Project Cost: \$37,482,000
Completion Date: August 2015

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