



# New Downtown Campus

## Updating the Local Community



### Project Leaders Share Vision, Latest Renderings at News Conference

MCC President Anne M. Kress joined Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks and project partners LaBella Associates President Robert Healy and DiMarco Constructors President John DiMarco II to update the community on MCC's new downtown campus at a news conference in March.

To date, work at the site on the corner of State Street and Morrie Silver Way has focused primarily on preparing the building's interior for complete renovation. Phase 1 of the project, which includes asbestos abatement and separation of utilities from adjoining buildings owned by Eastman Kodak Co. and Carestream Health Inc., will wrap up on schedule within the next few months.

The process for requesting construction bids on the remaining work on the project will begin soon. Design plans and other necessary documents will be submitted to the county by early May, and the county's selection of contractors for Phase 2 will happen by fall.



*Walls, ductwork, ceiling, and carpet have been removed and asbestos abatement has been completed on the sixth floor to prepare for main construction.*



*The first-floor lobby will create a vibrant and welcoming environment for current students, prospective students and the community. (Concept designs may evolve. Architectural rendering provided by LaBella Associates, DPC.)*

LaBella's latest renderings for the new downtown campus illustrate learning spaces that will be flexible, allow for integrated computer technology and provide a wide range of audio, visual and data capabilities. Distinct features of the design include an open stairway connecting the first three floors with public space that provides invaluable opportunities for commuter students to gather to study and work collaboratively.

"Our goal is to create a dynamic, innovative and welcoming learning environment that matches the aspirations of our students and the needs of the local community and to do that within budget," Kress said. "This new facility will allow us to prepare students for 21st-century careers, strengthen MCC's connection to Rochester, and help grow our regional economy."

### Additional Funds Secured for Project

An additional \$6 million in funding has been secured for MCC's new downtown campus project, Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks announced at a news conference in March.

The funds include a \$1.6 million grant through the Regional Economic Development Council for an eco-roof on the campus and a \$1.4 million grant from the MCC Association. These funds will be matched by SUNY, bringing the total additional funds to \$6 million.

The increased funding—added to the base budget of \$72 million—will be used to enhance the student and faculty experience on campus by creating transformative environments.



“I’m excited about the new downtown campus. It will enable us to better serve our students and create better linkages between faculty and industry, schools and services in the Rochester community.”

– William Dunning,  
MCC associate  
professor of English



The learning commons will combine library, computer lab and tutoring space. (Concept designs may evolve. Architectural rendering provided by LaBella Associates, DPC.)



A concierge desk at the Morrie Silver Way entrance welcomes and provides information to students and guests. (Concept designs may evolve. Architectural rendering provided by LaBella Associates, DPC.)

### Project timeline:

- Spring-Fall 2014  
Design development
- Winter 2014-Spring 2015  
Separation of infrastructure from Eastman Kodak Co. and Carestream Health Inc.
- Summer-Fall 2015  
Construction contracts awarded
- Fall 2015-Summer 2017  
Construction
- Fall 2017  
Classes begin

### Links to follow project’s progress:


**MCC:** <http://www.monroecc.edu/downtown> provides the college’s vision for the campus, a timeline of key events in the project’s life, news clippings, a photo gallery and an architectural animation.

**DiMarco Constructors:** <http://mccdowntown.dimarcoconstructors.com> features regular project updates and images showing interior work underway.

**LaBella Associates:** <http://www.labellapc.com/mcc/> shows latest images, a schematic design fly-through and project updates.

Connect with MCC  
[www.monroecc.edu](http://www.monroecc.edu)

 [www.facebook.com/monroecc](http://www.facebook.com/monroecc)

 @MCCPresident • MonroeCC  
#MCC

**Anne M. Kress, Ph.D.**  
President  
(585) 292-2100  
[PresidentKress@monroecc.edu](mailto:PresidentKress@monroecc.edu)

**Hezekiah N. Simmons, M.B.A.**  
CFO and Vice President, Administrative Services  
(585) 292-3320  
[hsimmons@monroecc.edu](mailto:hsimmons@monroecc.edu)