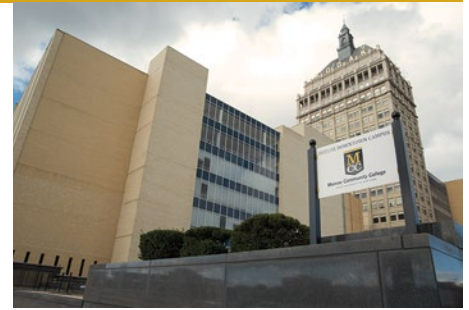




## New Downtown Campus

### Prime Contractors Selected for Main Construction



Seven Western New York businesses have been selected prime contractors for the main construction of MCC's new Downtown Campus at State Street and Morrie Silver Way. DiMarco Constructors is the construction manager for the project.

Interior work that will be completed in this phase of the project includes:

- Creation of flexible, innovative and high-tech learning spaces; meeting/function space for hosting events for MCC and the local community; a library; a fitness center; student activity areas; green roof; and a cafeteria.
- Replacement of a curtain wall facing State Street with energy-efficient windows.



*Modern meeting/function space will significantly increase and enhance events that can be held on campus for the college and local community. (Concept designs may evolve. Architectural renderings provided by LaBella Associates, DPC.)*



Lowest bidders and the specific work they will perform are:

**General and interior construction**—Manning Squires Hennig Co.

**Electrical**—Schuler Haas Electric Corp.

**Mechanical (HVAC)**—Crosby Brownlie Inc.

**Roofing**—Elmer W. Davis

**Elevator**—Schindler Elevator Corp.

**Plumbing**—Thurston Dudek, LLC

**Fire Protection**—Monroe Piping & Sheet Metal Inc.

The process has begun for reopening bids for contract work outside the

building, which includes the plaza, parking lot beautification and driveway improvements; no bids were received in the initial process.

Main construction work is anticipated to begin in November, with classes projected to begin at the new campus in fall 2017.

### 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.

**Budget: \$78 million**

### 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

## Executive Dean's First Glimpse Inside New Downtown Campus

Dr. Joel Frater, executive dean of MCC's Damon City Campus, recently toured the new Downtown Campus site for the first time since joining MCC in July 2015.

Frater is responsible for the transition to, and launch of, the college's new campus in the High Falls neighborhood. The new campus is slated to open in fall 2017.

As the project enters the construction phase, Frater sat down for an interview to share his thoughts on the campus design and the community interactions he's had so far in downtown Rochester. Here are excerpts from the interview, which were edited and condensed for length:

**Q: What are your impressions about the possibilities inherent in the new campus?**

**JF:** Having had the opportunity to visit this campus in this state is quite eye-opening. It's given me an opportunity to visualize what the future holds. I can imagine that our students will see an environment that is conducive to learning—one they'll thrive in, one that will continue to foster our philosophy of access, success, excellence and transformative experience.

**Q: What kind of transformative campus and learning environment can MCC students, faculty and staff look forward to in fall 2017?**

**JF:** As I looked at the various spaces and the thought that went into the design of these spaces, it was clear to me that the architects and the campus as a whole saw the students as our No. 1 priority. If you look at the learning spaces and



*Assistant Vice President of Facilities Paul Wurster, center, shows Executive Dean Dr. Joel Frater, second from left, and Damon City Campus student government leaders an architectural rendering of the second floor during a tour of MCC's new Downtown Campus site.*

how they were conceptualized—at the other gathering spaces on campus, at classroom design and the technology that's been forecast for the building and how futuristic some parts of the design are—it's quite evident that student success was forefront in the visioning for this campus.

I also recognize that our faculty and staff have to be in a quality teaching and learning environment if we expect them to deliver high-quality instruction and services to our students. The physical space will be contemporary and state-of-the-art, but most importantly the experiences students will have in this space will transform their lives.

**Q: How will the new campus connect students with the community and its employers?**

**JF:** I see our college campus as an extension of the larger community and vice versa ... as we think about meeting workforce needs and the educational

needs of our community and staying true to our philosophy of access, equity, diversity, economic development and really addressing some of the core social issues in our community.

I am currently serving on the board of the High Falls Business Association. We've had the opportunity to engage in dialogue about some of the promises MCC will bring as a neighbor and some of the opportunities we'll have for collaboration with all our neighbors in Rochester.

I'm also on the board of the Rochester Downtown Development Corporation. I'm looking forward to continuing to foster these relationships. We are committed to extending our reach to the larger community—not only to the business community, but nonprofit organizations and other emerging industries.

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