



## New Downtown Campus

### Major Design Feature Completed; Another to Wrap Up in Spring

A year into the main construction phase, Monroe Community College's Downtown Campus project continues to work toward energy-conservation and sustainability goals using green building principles.

A glass wall of windows spanning seven floors and an extensive green roof system are two of the project's major undertakings.

Recently installed, the wall of windows facing State Street allows natural light to enter deep into the building, producing a comfortable environment indoors and making possible energy cost savings of about 25 percent. This is accomplished by replacing the pre-existing single-pane glass with thermal pane glazing and adding insulation to the exterior envelope.

Seating areas and informal gathering spaces will be located adjacent to the windows.



Photo: LaBella Associates/DPC

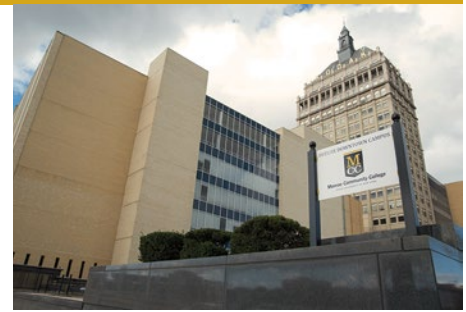
Slated to be installed in spring 2017, green roofs covering 22,000 square feet will help control storm water runoff and produce a consistent microclimate to help offset the urban heat island effect. The roof system will reduce water runoff by 50 to 75 percent.

The water retention of the green roofs will be monitored by sensors that compare the total rainfall and the volume of water entering the pipes. This information will be tied to MCC's building management system and can be displayed on any monitor connected to the network. The data will serve as a learning tool for MCC students.



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*A glass wall on one side of MCC's Downtown Campus building offers the greatest potential for natural light to penetrate deep within the structure.*



The green roof above the event space will offer valuable learning opportunities for students.

In other areas of the construction project, environmental footprint reduction efforts include:

- Over 86% of the construction debris being recycled. Typical construction projects average between 50% and 75%.
- At least 50% of the wood being used is Forest Stewardship Council-certified.
- About 40% reduction in campus' water usage by installing water-efficient plumbing fixtures, instead of standard fixtures.
- Installation of 42-bicycle storage racks.
- Use of LED lights only, four times more efficient than fluorescent lights.

**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



Inspiring every day.



## Get to Know Our Future Students, Why They Choose Downtown

Monroe Community College's Damon City Campus prides itself on its diverse student body, a community that reflects Rochester's multicultural urban population.

With the college's new Downtown Campus opening in fall 2017, MCC looks forward to welcoming more people from all walks of life and helping them achieve college and career success.

Currently, more than 2,300 full- and part-time students take classes at DCC—slightly larger than Nazareth College and slightly smaller than St. John Fisher College. Here's a snapshot of the DCC student body\*:

- 71% are age 20 and older.
- 68% are female.
- 62% are minority.
- 23% are single parents; almost all of these mothers.
- 32% of the students balance college and child care responsibilities.
- Half of the students with classes at DCC also attend classes on the Brighton Campus.
- With 20 degree and certificate programs offered at DCC, the three most popular majors are liberal arts

and sciences, human services and criminal justice.

- More than half are first-generation college students.
- 60% are low-income students qualifying for state and/or federal financial aid.
- A vast majority of the students attend DCC full time and are Monroe County residents.
- More than half live within the city.

Many students say they choose DCC for its academic offerings and co-curricular activities that integrate experiential learning opportunities into the surrounding downtown community and beyond. Students also like it for its

convenient location and close proximity to city bus stops, making public transit a popular option.

Success stories of DCC students are abundant. Among them is Cerri Bank's, who has built upon her MCC associate degree in education with bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Syracuse University, and now works at Skidmore College as vice president for student affairs and dean of students. Another comes from George Moses, who launched a career in community development in Rochester after earning his degree at DCC. He is now the executive director of North East Area Development ([neadrochester.org](http://neadrochester.org)).

*\* Demographic data based on fall 2015*

Construction work on MCC's Downtown Campus began in November 2015 and will be completed a floor at a time progressing from the seventh floor to the first floor.

The project is on schedule and will be completed in time for classes to begin at the new campus in fall 2017.

Here is a timeline of planned major construction activities\*:

**August 2016** – Substantial completion of floor 6 and roof work, including adding vegetation

**October 2016** – Substantial completion of floor 5

**November 2016** – Substantial completion of floor 4

**December 2016** – Reconstruction of passenger and freight elevators substantially completed

**January 2017** – Substantial completion of floors 2 and 3

**February 2017** – Substantial completion of floor 1

**June 2017** – Demolition and construction work substantially completed at parking lot on Morrie Silver Way, parking lot entrances on Plymouth Avenue, and plaza parking.

*\*This is not a comprehensive list of anticipated milestones and is subject to change.*

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