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AlliedCook Construction completes Husson University's Living and Learning Center - LEED Gold

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AlliedCook Construction completed construction of Husson University's new Living and Learning Center, the first of its kind on a college or university campus in Maine. The new building is LEED Gold Certified from the U.S. Green Building Council. Some of the building's green features include daylight harvesting, low-flow plumbing fixtures, high efficiency lighting, non-toxic building materials, drain water heat recovery, and solar hot water panels. More than 96% of the building has a direct view of the outdoors. These energy-saving features are expected to save the university more than \$50,000 a year. The Living and Learning Center was a design-build collaboration between Winton Scott Architects of Portland, Maine and AlliedCook Construction. The first floor is dedicated to learning and includes faculty offices and mock classrooms with flexible furniture, storage props, communications technology and other resources to increase opportunities for hands-on learning experiences. The College of Business has dedicated classroom space that allows students to conduct simulated board meetings and web-based team analysis. The criminal justice program has dedicated space for actual investigations allowing students to investigate mock crime scene scenarios, and the New England School of Communications (NESCom) has a dedicated audio engineering classroom. A mock elementary education classroom allows teaching majors to practice in a classroom environment. The upper four floors contain two-bedroom suites for nearly 250 students. The two-bedroom suites include bathroom and living area and accommodate up to four students each. Each floor has a common area for gatherings that is flooded with an abundance of natural light by the floor-to-ceiling windows on each end of the space.

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