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Antinozzi Associates completes \$64.5 million project for CREC school

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Antinozzi Associates completed the new Capitol Region Education Council's (CREC) Medical Profession and Teacher Preparation (MP-TP) Academy.

Antinozzi Associates was awarded this \$64.5 million project in 2010 and accommodates a 6th through 12th grade teaching and medical program curriculum for 700 students interested in these fields. Grades 6-8 occupy the middle building level and Grades 9-12 occupy the upper level. Additionally, a pre-kindergarten facility is incorporated into the teaching program for both school and staff use.

Classroom and office spaces are arranged along the building's perimeter with locker and storage space located in the center. The school contains teaching spaces such as a medical simulation instructional space, a medical health center, and specialized laboratories outfitted with equipment for an interactive and student-centered educational experience. Areas throughout the school were made flexible to meet future middle and high school program needs.

Formerly occupied by a multifamily residential housing complex, the 18-acre property was originally zoned for a larger commercial technical park. The new three-story, 145,000 s/f facility is positioned on the south and east sides of the site, with the commercial park located to the north and west.

The MP-TP Academy has a curved building configuration derived from the site, resulting in an east-west orientation that takes advantage of sun angles to maximize daylight during the winter. This curvature is also mirrored by the three elliptical courtyards located at the core of each level which brings light and visual connection of all three floors - creating the school's most distinctive feature.

Construction was completed this past summer for the start of the 2014-2015 academic year.

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