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Providence College to break ground on \$30 million project: Design by Symmes Maini & McKee Associates

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Providence College will break ground October 2 on its new Arthur & Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies, enabling the housing of the discipline for the first time under one roof.

The new home for the college's School of Business, which was established in 2007, is expected to cost \$30 million, a college spokesman said. Of that, \$5 million has been donated by Arthur Ryan, a former PC trustee, retired chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial Inc., and his wife, Patricia. Ryan earned a math degree from PC in 1963 and was awarded an honorary doctor of business administration degree in 1990.

The 64,000 s/f, four-story structure will be designed by Symmes Maini & McKee Associates of Cambridge, Mass. The facility will include a glass atrium entrance, classrooms, conference rooms, computer labs, collaboration rooms, interview suites and a student café, among other features.

The building is expected to be completed by the start of the college's centennial year in 2017.

The groundbreaking will be held at 4:30 p.m. in front of Dore Hall, off Huxley Ave. on the east end of the campus.

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