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## **BOND breaks ground on Stonehill College's Academic & Welcome Center**

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Shown (from left) are: Greg Williamson of BOND, Ken Johnson of BOND, Fr. John Denning (Stonehill president), Dan Ramos of BOND, Jim Villa of BOND, and Andrew Abderrazzaq of BOND.

Easton, MA BOND celebrated the groundbreaking of Stonehill College's Academic & Welcome Center. The ceremony was attended by members of the college, academic administrators, trustees, students, faculty and staff, as well as the BOND project team and design partner S/L/A/M Collaborative.

BOND is providing preconstruction and construction management services for the 35,000 s/f academic & welcome center, built on the site of the Old Student Union. The center will feature an admissions room with tiered seating for more than 50 people, administrative and faculty offices, a 350-seat auditorium, classrooms, meeting spaces, bookstore and Au Bon Pain Café.

The new center will serve as a welcoming focal point to the college, offering students a wonderful introduction to the campus, as well as demonstrating the value of a Stonehill education. It's also the cornerstone building of a series of improvements to the academic quadrangle.

The project is currently on-track, within budget and slated for completion August 2018 in time for the academic school year.

"BOND is proud to work with Stonehill College on yet another important endeavor to improve the student experience on campus," said Robert Murray, BOND president. "This new state-of-the-art center will become a hub for many students to gather and learn about the Stonehill experience for years to come."