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Konover Constr. completes Fones School of Dental Hygiene project

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Konover Construction Corporation (KCC), one of the nation's leading firms providing preconstruction, construction management, design-build and general contracting services, recently completed a renovation project at the University of Bridgeport's Fones School of Dental Hygiene Health Clinic. KCC was construction manager for the project which is part of a \$20 million campus-wide, multi-year improvement project for the university. The project will help the clinic expand its services to underserved populations in southwestern Connecticut.

"This was a 21,000 s/f conversion of the fifth floor of the health sciences center to a new state of the art 30-chair dental clinic," said Joseph Minoski, KCC's onsite project manager. "The renovations will help the clinic enhance its services and expand its outreach to provide treatment and services to a larger population of senior citizens."

All work on the clinic, which is now fully ADA-accessible, was completed while the building was fully occupied and operational. The project included the integration of new M/E/P systems to meet the clinic's operational requirements. The clinic serves as a low-cost provider of comprehensive dental hygiene treatment for the public. Established in 1949 and accredited since 1953, Fones was the first school of dental hygiene in the world.

"It is always an honor to work on projects that have historical significance," Minoski said. "This facility provides a tremendous service to the community and we're proud to have been a part of it."

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