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Cutler fast-tracks projects for Endicott and Mt. Holyoke Colleges

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Cutler Associates has begun construction on two fast-tracked, design-build projects for Endicott College in Beverly and Mt. Holyoke College (shown) in South Hadley. Both projects are designed by Cutler Design.

After completing three similar residence hall renovation projects for Mt. Holyoke College in 2005 and 2006, Cutler was asked to return to create a similar design-build solution for Safford Hall. The updates will transform underutilized former dining hall space into student lounge areas and a "Golden Pear" kitchen area. At the same time, the team will address accessibility issues, provide infrastructure updates, and restore the original grandeur of the 1897-built structure.

After an intense planning, design, and approval process, construction is currently underway on the \$4.5 million project and completion is expected in time for the spring semester.

A 60-bed residence hall is under construction at Endicott College, Cutler's sixth project on campus. Hawthorne Hall will be a themed housing complex designed to offer students a healthy living community. Each suite will house of 8, 10, or 12 students and will have a common living space with shared private bathrooms.

Construction on the \$3.5 million project began in March and will be completed by the end of August. To meet the tight construction schedule, while producing a quality, durable facility, the design-build team chose the pre-panelized, light-gauge steel Infinity Structural System to provide the framework for the building.

"The Infinity System is ideal for multi-story residential projects, such as student housing," said design project manager Shawn McGuinness, AIA, LEED AP.

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