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## Skanska concludes renovations at Boston College

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Chestnut Hill, MA Skanska has completed renovations at Boston College which included a \$1.5 million renovation of the 1,100 s/f Higgins Hall auditorium. The project, referred to as a “summer slammer,” concentrates on upgrading educational facilities during the summer months in preparation for the students’ return to campus for the upcoming fall semester.

“We’re thrilled to celebrate the completion of the project that was underway at Boston College this summer, ensuring that all work was finalized ahead of the students’ return for the upcoming fall semester,” said Mark Lootz, vice president-project executive for Skanska USA Building’s New England Region. “Our summer slammer projects pose a unique challenge given the tight timelines that must be adhered to, requiring heightened levels of precision in the planning and execution stages.”

Skanska began renovations on the Higgins Hall auditorium at Boston College immediately after graduation in May of 2023. Renovations included demolishing the existing seating, replacing the flooring and the installation of new finishes for the ceiling soffits and acoustic wall panels. Additionally, new millwork was implemented throughout the auditorium.

Following the successful completion of Higgins Hall, Skanska will continue to cultivate its relationship with Boston College by initiating two laboratory renovation projects this fall. These projects build upon Skanska's 2019 project at Boston College to renovate the Margot Connell Recreation Center, now a cornerstone for the school community. The project included demolishing the previous recreation center and building a new \$127 million, 244,000-square-foot, four-story facility, which consists of a 25-meter competitive swimming pool, rock climbing wall, wellness room, badminton, tennis, basketball, and squash courts, along with other student amenities.

Skanska's summer slammer projects showcase the firm's adept ability to handle smaller-scale projects in addition to its specialty in large-scale projects.

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