

Delaware State University

Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center

Location	Dover, Delaware	Size	68,000 gross square feet
Architect	Holzman Boss Bottino Architecture	Cost	\$23.4 million
Services	MEP/FP	Completed	2010



While the original plan for this campus project was to renovate an existing one-story structure, it was determined that demolition and new construction were the most financially sound and sustainable options. Having recently completed designs for the Wellness and Recreation Center, the Strength and Conditioning facility, and a new pool addition, Kohler Ronan was pleased to join the design team and once again offer its engineering services to improve the DSU campus for students and the community.

The student center's first floor consists of a dining facility with grill-type menu, campus bookstore, mail services, copy center, spacious lounge areas with stage, and flexible multi-purpose meeting spaces. The second floor features a 7,656 square-foot hall/ballroom, game room, and additional open and closed lounge areas. Office space for student government, career services, The Hornet student paper, and other student activities are found on the third floor.

In collaboration with the design team, Kohler Ronan worked to provide designs that met the University's goals for sustainability. Features included a natural ventilation systems, large overhangs to reduce heat consumption, and light colored roofs to reduce solar gain. The facility also utilized regional, natural, and salvaged materials, and implemented a waste management program during demolition.



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