



**Green School Building**  
New Construction

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Raritan Valley  
Community College  
North Branch, NJ

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Type of School and  
Grades Served:

College, Post-secondary

Capacity: 6,600 students

Size of Site: 240 acres

Area of Building:  
44,500 square feet

Volume of Building:  
711,039 cubic feet

Space per Student:  
7.4 square feet

Cost per Student: \$1,590

Square Foot Cost: \$216

Cost of Construction:  
\$10.5 million

Total Project Cost:  
\$15 million

Contract Date: Oct. 2005

Completion Date: June 2007

Percent of Completion: 100%

# Raritan Valley Community College

## North Branch, New Jersey

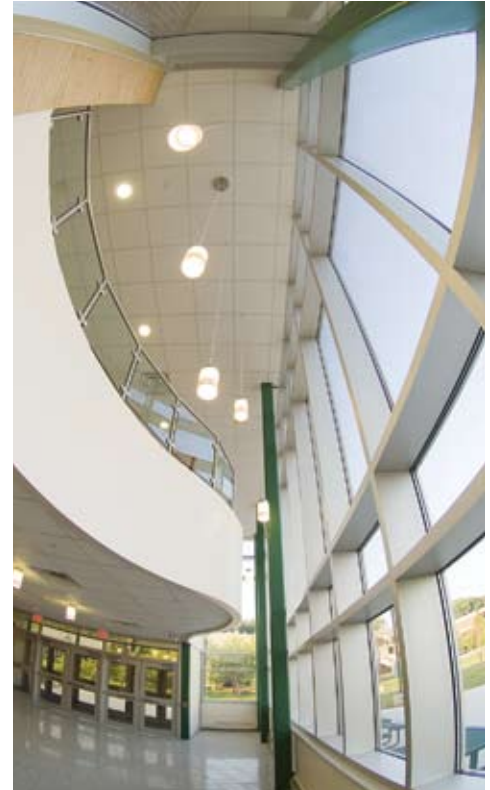
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EXTERIOR VIEW OF MAIN ENTRANCE



EXTERIOR VIEW OF REAR SIDE BUILDING



INTERIOR VIEW OF MAIN FLOOR AND MEZZANINE

PHOTOS: JIM SHIVE

The Raritan Valley Community College's West Building is a three-story, 44,500-square-foot academic facility located on the lower campus academic mall of the community college's North Branch, New Jersey campus.

The West Building is the newest public sector building in Somerset County, New Jersey. The state-of-the-art, high-performance building accommodates the increase in student enrollment by providing eight general purpose classrooms, seven computer labs, and three specialized computer labs outfitted for use as a multimedia

studio with video editing capabilities, a graphics lab, and an open computer lab. Additional amenities include a management information services help desk, student lounge, conference room, and an office suite with nine offices, reception area, and workroom.

The larger than typical classrooms serve up to 40 students with a design that deviates from traditional lecture-style educational facilities, providing oversized desks in a more business-like conference room setting. The high-performance classrooms provide direct and indirect lighting supplemented by

ample natural lighting; are individually climate controlled; and provide power availability in the floors and walls to accommodate laptop computers. They are fully carpeted with replaceable carpet tiles to minimize noise.

The West Building, a focal point for the entire campus, sets the standard for all future buildings at RVCC, from its inclusive planning and design process, to its accurate budgeting and on-time construction, delivering a high-performance sustainable facility for the development of workforce skills of Somerset and Hunterdon County, New Jersey, students. ■