



Clark College—Gaiser Hall

Vancouver, Washington

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Administrative Areas/
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Renovation/Addition/
Restoration

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Type of School and
Grades Served:
College, Post-secondary
Capacity: 1,000 students

Size of Site: 2 acres
Area of Building:
64,048 square feet
Volume of Building:
613,463 cubic feet

Square Foot Cost: \$155

Cost of Construction:
\$9.9 million

Total Project Cost: \$12.9 million

Contract Date: Oct. 2006

Completion Date: Feb. 2008

Percent of Completion: 100%

Gaiser Hall underwent partial demolition, addition, and renovation to create a welcoming, easy-to-navigate, one-stop shop for student services. Through one grand hall, Gaiser now offers access to its 18-plus departments. These include Advising, Career Services, Admissions, Registration, a credit union, and the college bookstore. Related departments are in close proximity to aid operational efficiencies and student access.

Gaiser Hall creates a dramatic gateway to the campus, uniting the student union building and library. Proportions, floor-to-floor heights, and design vocabulary were selected to create a cohesive composition. A plaza, with areas for studying and a cascading water feature, leads to the main entrance. Visitors can easily find the bookstore, which is positioned next to the entry plaza and provides views of merchandise through display windows.

The site has a majestic view of the heart of the campus. Gaiser's new design celebrates this view with a two-story, 30-foot, structural glass wall that overlooks Clark College's grounds and Mt. Hood beyond.

To meet the college's goal of increasing energy savings, the project utilizes passive and active heating and cooling technologies. Most notable is the use of chilled beams and radiant cooling/heating within some floor slabs. LEED certification is being pursued for Gaiser Hall. ■



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