



School Community
Center/Joint Use
Facilities

New Construction

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Type of School and
Grades Served:
Community College,
Post-secondary

Area of Building:
38,000 square feet

Square Foot Cost: \$233

Cost of Construction:
\$8.9 million

Total Project Cost: \$11 million

Contract Date: Aug. 2005

Completion Date: Oct. 2007

Percent of Completion: 100%

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Lansing Community College University Center

Lansing, Michigan

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SOUTH ELEVATION AT TWILIGHT



CLASSROOM



TWO-STORY LOBBY

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The college challenged the design team to design a sustainable center to serve as a gateway for students seeking a four-year education. The University Center is the physical embodiment of the partnership between the college and select four-year institutions, pursuing the common goal of expanding access to advanced degrees.

The project provided unique challenges and opportunities, as the college wanted the facility to be iconic and to stand out among large-scale buildings

with very strong architectural styles. Because the center was sited adjacent to the historic Carnegie Library and on an outer edge of this urban campus, material selection and expression were very important.

The design's simple form and scale contrast with the various expressions surrounding the site. The program allowed for the University Center to be connected to the Carnegie Library, creating a marriage of architectural styles. With this opportunity, the new University Center

echoes its grandfather's stone banding in a simple concrete cantilever, which defines as well as shelters the main entry.

The University Center project provides a sustainable solution to the college's challenge: a dynamic edge to the campus, resulting in a space for students and an identity for the college's partnership with the university community. ■