



ARCHITECTS

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PROJECT NARRATIVE

Belmont Abbey Residence Halls

Project Information

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Location: Abbot Walter Commons Drive

Belmont Abbey College

100 Belmont Mt Holly Rd

Belmont, NC 28012

Gaston County

Zoning: IC-D

Adjacent Zoning: BC-D

Building Description

The new residence halls for Belmont Abbey College seek to combine the solitude of private rooms with the community of shared leisure space. Belmont Abbey's twin buildings share a common outdoor plaza. This space is used for relaxation, studying, and bringing together students.

The buildings linear alignment creates a datum between two environments. While the entry side creates a new urban face, the rear is embedded in the natural beauty of the campus. Running along the entry drive, the dorms are directly across from Belmont's ballfields, encouraging students to watch a game and participate in the greater campus community.

The service spaces of each pod (the restrooms and the stair cores) are pulled away from the dormitories ensuring privacy and security. The stair cores and restrooms are grouped into a service-oriented bar distinct from the main community space. Light flows between the two bars and separates these very different uses.

Project Description [Parking & Traffic]

The new residence halls at Belmont Abbey College are intended to relieve pressure on student occupancies in existing dorms on campus. Currently, two dorms on campus are at triple occupancy. Belmont Abbey will reduce these rooms to double-occupancy. The remaining students will be housed in the new residence halls. There will not be an increase in the amount of student living on campus with these residence halls. As such, there will neither be an increase in the number of parking spaces required on campus, nor additional traffic on and around campus.

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Project Profile [Per Building]

- Total Building Size [s.f.] 46,045 sf
- Number of Units 64
- Number of Beds 128
- Building Use & Occupancy Separated Mixed - B (Ground Floor) and R2 (2nd-5th)
- Construction Type 1A Podium [Ground Floor] / 5A Residential [2nd-5th]
- Means of Egress 2 Exits per story
- Travel Distance R2 with sprinkler system - 250ft max \\ actual - 187 ft
- Fire & Smoke Protection Sprinklered
- Building Floor to Floor Height Level 1 to 2 = 12'-8" \\ Typical = 11'-1 7/8" typ.

Schedule

- Design Development Feb – March 2019
- Construction Documents April – July 2019
- Permits April – July 2019
- Construction Aug 2019 – July 2020
- Turn Over Building Aug 15th, 2020