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Thomas College Master Plan

Waterville, Maine



Sheridan Construction has proudly partnered with Thomas College for over five decades, providing expert construction services that have helped shape and expand the campus into the vibrant academic and athletic hub it is today. The relationship between Sheridan and Thomas College dates back to 1970, when Sheridan built the original dining hall and student center on the campus. Over the next 20 years, Sheridan played a pivotal role in the growth of the campus, constructing key buildings such as Physical Plant facilities, the renowned Alumni Field, and the 8,650-square-foot Laurette Ayotte Auditorium, which houses a 300-seat auditorium for various events and activities.



As the campus continued to evolve, so did Sheridan's involvement. In the early 2000s, Sheridan worked closely with Thomas College to construct the Bartlett Residence Hall in 2003. Designed by JSA Architects, this 30,000-square-foot facility provides housing for over 100 students in a series of cluster-style suites. The partnership strengthened further in 2005 when Sheridan collaborated with Thomas College to develop the Master Campus Plan. This comprehensive blueprint guided the campus' future growth and modernization, leading to the groundbreaking of several notable projects.



One of the first major developments following the completion of the Master Plan was the Harold Alfond Athletic Center in 2006. This 38,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility includes three multi-sport surfaces, an indoor track, plyometric rooms, locker rooms, a fitness center, and a lounge, enhancing the athletic and recreational offerings for students and the greater Thomas College community.



As Thomas College's student population grew, Sheridan continued to support the campus's expansion with the construction of new student housing, including several townhouses to accommodate the rising demand for on-campus residences. The construction of these new units, coupled with expanded parking areas, helped the college keep pace with the influx of students. Sheridan also added to the campus's dining and meeting spaces, completing a 4,000-square-foot expansion of the dining hall in 2009. This expansion, which included new dining, meeting, and student lounge areas, was later renamed the George and Marty Spann Student Commons, honoring the contributions of the Spann family to the college community.

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With the growing student body, the need for enhanced athletic facilities became clear, leading to the development of the Bernatchez and Smith Turf Fields in 2011. Sheridan was tasked with creating these high-quality sports fields, each spanning 235 yards, complete with scoreboards, walkways, parking, and, in 2019, a new press box as part of additional site improvements.



Sheridan's ongoing commitment to Thomas College's growth was further demonstrated in 2014 with the construction of the Harold Alfond Academic Center. This 36,000-square-foot facility offers modern learning spaces, including a new library, commons area, classrooms, faculty offices, and a peer tutoring and mentoring center, fostering academic success and collaboration among students and faculty alike.



The college's commitment to athletics was further underscored by the completion of the Sukeforth Family Sports Center in 2022. This 18,000-square-foot facility, designed by SMRT, features two large locker rooms, two smaller locker rooms, a weight room, athletic training areas, and a new eSports facility. It also houses athletic department offices and a 15-person classroom, providing a dynamic space for both athletic and academic pursuits.



Throughout all of these projects, Sheridan Construction has remained a trusted partner in Thomas College's growth, contributing to the development of a campus that is designed to support the evolving needs of students, faculty, and staff. Through our decades-long collaboration, Sheridan has helped Thomas College become a thriving center of learning, athletics, and community engagement.

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