Student Center Expansion



LOCATION

Main Campus, Glassboro

OPENING

Spring 2025

COST OF PROJECT

\$31.4 million

DESIGN CONSULTANTS:

Ikon.5 Architects

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Newport Construction

PROJECT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Rowan Facilities, Planning & Operations

Introducing the Student Center Expansion

This project consisted of expansion of our Student Center building. The student center was built in 1974 to serve 6,000 students. Today, Rowan's enrollment is more than 23,000, making the need for additional space and upgrades tantamount as the University continues to grow.

The new structure, which connects to the existing 135,000-square-foot Chamberlain Student Center, is modeled after a Greek "agora," a central gathering place. The expansion includes a student commons, a 150-person event area, a suite for the Student Government Association, meeting rooms, an amphitheater, a café and collaborative workspaces for student organizations.

The structure features a glass façade, allowing for engagement and connection among community members while integrating elements of the outdoors. Externally, the expansion includes a redesigned outdoor plaza and terrace. An attractive feature of the space is a grand center staircase with multiple landings complete with tables and seating. The addition also includes two gas fireplaces.

Rowan President Ali Houshmand said the building's "agora" design was an intentional way to provide students with a new home that allows them to have spaces to connect with each other—and faculty and staff as well.