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Walsh College pursues LEED certification for newly completed space

Troy-based business college unveils completed \$15 million renovation project

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Photo by Walsh College Study rooms were added as part of a \$15 million renovation and addition project at Walsh College in Troy.

Correction appended

Walsh College officials hope another LEED certification is in their future for some of the new space that is part of a \$15 million project shown to members of the media Tuesday.

The project added new classroom spaces; study rooms; electrical access for things such as smartphones, tablets and laptops; an updated café; and renovated lobby, among other improvements.

It has not yet been determined which certification level the Troy-based business college will seek as part of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design green building certification program through the **U.S. Green Building Council**.

But Walsh, which has more than 3,700 students, is experienced in that area. Its two-story **Jeffrey W. Barry Center**, which was completed in 2007 on the eastern edge of its building, **received Gold certification** in 2010.

It tapped a familiar face this time around, too. The same architecture firm, Chicago-based **Valerio Dewalt Train Associates Inc.**, that designed the 37,000-square-foot Barry section of Walsh's Troy building was the architecture firm on the project shown Tuesday.

Rochester-based **Frank Rewold & Son Inc.** was the general contractor on the most recent project. Pontiac-based **George W. Auch Co.** was the general contractor on the Barry center project.

In all, Walsh's Troy campus now totals 126,000 square feet and the college has another 35,000 square feet in Novi.

Financing for the project came from capital and investment funds and donations from alumni and others.

Walsh was founded in 1922 by Mervyn Walsh, an accountant, and moved to Troy in 1970.

A previous version of this story incorrectly stated that Valerio Dewalt Train was the architect on an Oakland University student housing complex. This version is correct.

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