



# Student Venue Is Under Construction

**DRIVING PAST THE MOUNT ON ROUTE 15** during the next few months, you will see a large sign proclaiming "Mount Philanthropy at Work" next to a building that is under construction. The new 5,700 square foot multipurpose student venue, located near Keelty Towers on the southwestern corner of John Walsh Way and Annandale Road, will open this summer. A ribbon-cutting is planned at the start of the 2019-20 academic year.

With the Mount's two-year pattern of enrollment growth and projected future growth, more space is needed on campus for social activities and academic collaboration. The open design building, funded in part by an anonymous donor, is flexible to accommodate weekend social activities such as concerts and other large-scale events, as well as provide space for meetings of student life clubs and organizations. In addition, the venue will include space for collaborative academic work and for commuter students to gather. The facility includes rollup doors which can be opened in warmer weather, creating a transitional space to the patio and lawn.

At a groundbreaking ceremony in January, Rob Tsegaye, C'22, president of the Student Government Association, thanked everyone involved in this project as he pointed out the university's dedication to student life activities that this facility represents. "Never before has student affairs been focused on this much—to the point we have our own building," he exclaimed.

"This is about our students and those who come after them as we fulfill our commitment to develop ethical leaders who lead lives of significance in service to God and others," said President Timothy E. Trainor, Ph.D.

The building, designed by Marotta/Main Architects, is constructed by Centurion Construction Group, LLC.

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