Champlain College Adds Rooftop Terrace to Awaken Views and Future Possibilities

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Founded in 1878, Champlain College® is a small, not-for-profit, private college overlooking Lake Champlain and Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland.

Champlain College’s newly opened $24.5 million Center for Communication and Creative Media (CCM) project is a 42,000 square foot addition and alterations to the existing Hauke Center and Alumni Auditorium located at the center of Champlain College.

The center provides students and faculty with state-of-the-art facilities for Game and Graphic Design labs, Sound Studios, a Filmmaking and Broadcast Media Production Stage, an Art Gallery and a Drawing Studio. The building also contains a Dining and Events Center. The facility offers a large conference room space (capacity: 300 persons +/-) able to accommodate a variety of academic and social functions.

"This building is all about purposeful connection. The proximity of our faculty and our students and our community members and those looking in our campus store for the first time and those grabbing a cup of coffee on their way somewhere. All of that excitement and purposeful buzz exists in this building by design." Dr. Laurie Quinn, Provost and Chief Academic Officer.

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The conference center is the goto space. "Here is where we host on-campus recognition dinners and special lecture events. The terrace is adjacent and offers nice views of Lake Champlain. When school is in session students frequent that space after grabbing food inside. And, in summer, the terrace is available for weddings and other social gatherings. The space will accommodate large groups and can also be tented," shared Steven Mease, Director of Public Information & News for Champlain College.

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The socializing, gathering, and sharing of ideas on this rooftop terrace is made possible by what’s below the surface. Buzon Screwjack Pedestals are the hidden ingredient that keeps the porcelain tile decking surface stable, level and worry free.

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John Caulo, Facilities Director and Associate Vice President of Campus Planning remarked, "We were looking for a practical and cost-effective solution to provide needed support for the exterior tiles. Based on my observation of the installation process, the pedestals were relatively easy to install and adjust, providing a consistent level finish flooring elevation."
The CCM renovation project will no doubt empower students to create future games, graphics, films, and media. Some of those ideas will originate or be nudged forward during conversations on the 5000 square foot terrace. Remember, below the porcelain paver surface is another support system that makes those conversations possible.

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