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Salus University Selects BWA Architecture + Planning to Design Library Renovation

From Traditional Library to Learning Resource Center

Elkins Park, PA – Salus University, an internationally recognized academic institution offering a wide range of graduate, professional degree and post-graduate residency programs for healthcare professionals, has announced a library renovation project. The traditional library will be transformed into a modern learning commons, operating as both a media-rich resource center and the hub of the University’s Elkins Park campus. The renovation is being done to better align with the growing needs of students including more open space for collaboration and access to new software products and updates.

The University has selected BWA Architecture + Planning to design the renovation, with Sera Engineering, Komita Design LLC, Metropolitan Acoustics LLC, Ann Rothman PE and Becker & Frondorf joining its team.

The existing library currently occupies approximately 11,000 square feet on two floors of a building originally constructed for offices. The new learning resource center will include a help desk/service center, quiet group study areas, a welcoming common area for socializing and studying and a small café. The design will also focus on improving the connection between the two floors.

“The renovation of the library into a learning resource center is just the first installment of many updates at Salus to provide our students with an optimum learning experience and environment, as well as to keep pace with the rapidly changing health science educational landscape,” said Salus president, Dr. Michael H. Mittelman.

BWA has an extensive higher education portfolio, which includes work for the University of Pennsylvania, St. Joseph’s University, Bryn Mawr College, Princeton University and Swarthmore College, among others. “I’m excited by the prospect of transforming the Salus library into a space that is not only more functional, but more visually exciting,” says BWA Principal Richard Winston. “Our goal is to create a place that really draws people in.”

About Salus University

Salus University, founded as the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 1919, today is a diversified, globally recognized professional academic center of learning that offers a

wide range of degree programs in the professions of Optometry, Audiology, Physician Assistant, Public Health, Education and Rehabilitation for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Biomedicine, Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology. Salus operates four clinical facilities in the Philadelphia area that provide highly specialized vision, hearing and balance, and speech-language pathology services. The University has more than 1,100 students, including PhD candidates, and more than 12,500 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit www.salus.edu.

About BWA

Established in 1988, BWA Architecture + Planning is an award-winning Philadelphia architecture firm with a strong portfolio of educational, residential, cultural, commercial and historic preservation projects. More information at <http://bwa-architects.com>.

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