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Wausau's Windows Help Carnegie Mellon University Earn Second LEED Rating and Meet Seismic, Aesthetic Needs

Wausau, Wis. – Contributing to Carnegie Mellon University's second LEED Silver Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council's Green Building Rating System®, Wausau Window and Wall Systems high-performance windows met the demanding structural, environmental and aesthetic needs of Henderson House's historic student residence.



Originally commissioned by Andrew Carnegie and designed by renowned architect Henry Hornbostel, Henderson House's 2003 renovation and expansion was respectful of its heritage under the design direction of RSH Architects, Pittsburgh. Increasing available occupancy by 50%, the updated student residence provides contemporary studio-style living with shared amenities including a fitness room, common kitchen and dining facilities.

Committed to environmentally sustainable design, CMU seeks LEED certification for all its construction projects. With the construction of New House, the university became the first to offer LEED-certified student housing. Henderson House is the college's second LEED-rated project, earning Silver certification in December 2004. Since then, CMU's Posner Gallery and the Collaborative Innovation Center also have been designed to meet LEED criteria.

Experienced in working closely with building teams who seek LEED certification, Wausau Window and Wall Systems partnered with long-time customer, Pennsylvania glazing contractor D-M Products, Inc. Wausau and D-M Products have a 20-year history with CMU providing window systems on nearly a dozen campus buildings including Mudge House, the University Center, Doherty Hall, Newell-Simon Hall, Roberts Engineering Hall, and the Purnell Center for Performing Arts.

"We have such a long-standing relationship with Wausau and D-M Products," says Phil Popowicz, facility project manager for CMU. "They are a class act – wonderful to work with."

Wausau and D-M Products united again to achieve the unique objectives for Henderson House. Adding to this challenge, they learned that the residence sits on a geological fault, requiring that building also conform to seismic specifications. Contributing to the project's environmental and structural goals, Wausau's Heritage windows also preserve the original structure's traditional architectural features and complement its fieldstone walls. In addition to matching the classic collegiate styling, these windows significantly upgraded the old steel frame, single pane units' performance while staying within budget and on schedule.

"Wausau's Heritage can be seen not only on Henderson House, but throughout the campus," Dick Macurak of D-M Products explains, "Their history style and exceptional durability makes them a popular choice in college dormitory applications. We are proud to have helped contribute to another of CMU's LEED certified buildings."

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“We are pleased to be called upon time and again to serve the University’s building projects,” adds Merle Glaser, Wausau’s regional marketing and sales manger. “It’s a privilege to work with an institution so dedicated to maintaining its facilities and striving to meet the highest standards of design and performance.”

Nationally recognized for its innovative expertise, Wausau Window and Wall Systems is an industry leader in engineering window and curtainwall systems for commercial and institutional construction applications. For 50 years, Wausau has worked closely with architects, building owners and contractors to realize their vision for aesthetic beauty and lasting value, while striving to maintain the highest level of customer service, communication and overall satisfaction.

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