

ACC Sturm Collaboration Campus

Category 9: Best Building Project – General Contractor (\$10M - \$40M)

JHL Constructors

The design-build team of JHL Constructors and DLR Group was selected by Arapahoe Community College to create a one-of-a-kind collaborative education campus, bringing higher education to the Castle Rock community. The campus is an innovative education platform that combines the efforts and resources of the Town of Castle Rock, Arapahoe Community College, Colorado State University, Douglas County School District, and local businesses.

The ACC Sturm Collaboration Campus is set on a 14.9-acre property. Phase I included the first of the two buildings, a 46,330 square foot facility that accommodates 800 students. The design of this building encourages learning in a larger capacity; one that provides programming that directly coordinates education from the K-12 background through college, and industry workforce experience. The two-story space includes a Learning Success Center, computer stations, open and enclosed study/huddle spaces, a bookstore, café, a welcome desk, outdoor gathering patios, a community room, a maker space, administrative support offices, and adjoining outdoor spaces for students, staff, and events.

College centered curriculum with engaging and progressive programming is supported in the classroom and learning spaces throughout the building. Industry focused learning and workplace experience is a key component to the collaboration campus environment. Applied learning areas for Cyber Security, Secure Software Development, Business, Accounting, Entrepreneurship and Health Care are paired with industry partners to develop hands-on experience for students and relationships with actual businesses and professionals in the South-Metro and Denver-Metro area. To solidify the associations with surrounding businesses, there are multiple leased spaces within the building available to local community business.

The ACC Sturm Collaboration Campus was recently renamed due to the generous donation of up to \$10 million given by the Sturm Family Foundation. The donation is the largest single dollar donation given to the Arapahoe Community College system consisting of 13 different campuses located across Colorado. Donald Sturm, the chairman and founder of the Sturm Family Foundation, expressed his commitment and excitement about this new education model and platform the campus could provide for future students and business development, “Our

participation with Arapahoe Community College was created intentionally to support a new model of industry-aligned higher education that provides students clear on and off ramps while embarking on a path of lifelong learning and workforce success. Through the matching gift opportunity, we wanted to provide a vehicle to enhance the coalition of partners who will leverage our investment to its full potential for the Sturm Collaboration Campus.”

JHL Constructors turned the campus over to Arapahoe Community College in August 2019, after breaking ground in June of 2018. Throughout construction, JHL worked with 57 subcontractors, all of which were Colorado based. The intent to create an innovative and Colorado focused education facility filtered down to the construction and jobsite, to support local subcontractors and enhance the Colorado construction industry.

Working within a design-build delivery and schedule constraints, the project team delivered multiple design packages such as grading and utility, structural and finally architectural/MEP. With construction of the foundations and structural steel being completed approximately one month ahead of schedule, the project team had to expedite the delivery of the architectural and MEP design packages to keep the project moving forward and sustain the accelerated schedule. JHL and DLR Group worked as a collaborative team with ACC to deliver the design packages on time to the meet overall construction schedule.

The ACC Sturm Collaboration Campus is tracking for a LEED Silver certification. All concrete, steel, wood and drywall were recycled with a 75% diversion from landfill. The building consists of all automated controlled LED lighting as well as substantial natural light design throughout the building.

On August 16, 2019, the ACC Sturm Collaboration Campus officially opened with the President of Arapahoe Community College Dr. Diana M. Doyle, welcoming new students, citizens of Castle Rock, representatives from Colorado State University, Douglas County School District and local businesses, “ACC is very excited to begin serving students, industry, and the community through this very unique educational partnership,” said Dr. Doyle, “The Sturm Collaboration Campus is a dynamic model for workforce development and progressive educational delivery at all levels.” JHL was especially proud to work on a monumental education project that connected so many diverse backgrounds and ideas and help build a facility that

provides students the opportunity to explore the education within the community and across multiple University programs.



Exterior Main Entrance



Second-Floor Balcony



Exterior West Facing Portion



Sturm Family Tour



Interior Main Entrance



Meeting Room on First-Floor



Learning Commons Area on First-Floor



Learning Commons Area on First-Floor



Healthcare Classroom



Exterior South Facing Portion