

Haverford College VCAM Facility

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Project Profile:

During the fall of 2017, Haverford College in Philadephia, opened a new Visual Culture, Arts, and Media (VCAM) facility located in one of the oldest buildings on campus. The "Old Gym", built in 1900, was reimagined as a flexible, creative hub for students, faculty, staff, and the wider community to make and interpret visual media. The juxtaposition of the historical exterior architecture and the modern interior elements provides a space that is both grounded and inspirational as it encourages collaboration, exploration, and learning.

Building Challenge:

The architect, MSR Design, took an adaptive reuse approach to the building's architectural revitalization. They successfully preserved and repurposed elements of the historic building in a way that resonated with the larger architectural community, winning multiple architectural awards. What's more, MRS Design was able to emphasize community and connection, which was essential to the college's master plan.

VT's Contribution:

VT Industries, Inc. manufactured a total of 39 doors for General Supply of Bethlehem, PA, who was the door and hardware distributor partner for Haverford College's VCAM facility. Many of the doors were slated to be painted, so VT provided primed, ready to paint doors. These doors featured 5-ply construction with structural lumber composite cores (SCLC), VT's <u>5508</u> door type. There were also a few flush wood veneer doors that featured A grade plain-sliced walnut veneers with a custom finish. The plain-sliced walnut veneer doors also featured 5-ply construction with stave lumber cores, VT's <u>5507</u> door type.

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