



# Project *Spotlight*

## RUSSELL HALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA: ATHENS, GA

Russell Hall has been home to University of Georgia students in Athens, Georgia, since 1967. After 50 years, Russell Hall is becoming less appealing to UGA students and compared to the more up-to-date living spaces and facilities. UGA began their planning of a 15-month renovation on the 50-year old residential hall, totaling \$44.5 million. The goal is to make it feel like a “home away from home,” making it a community and a place where UGA reflect their mission, “supporting students academically”.

### BUILDING CHALLENGE:

The architects were tasked with keeping the structural integrity of the building, but creating an updated, modern housing experience for incoming freshman students. Along

with modernizing and creating a more inviting living environment, UGA has made all dorm rooms state-of-the-art as well as extending the hall to 960 rooms.

### VT’S CONTRIBUTION:

VT contributed over 800 doors toward renovating Russell Hall. A wide variety of doors were used including: SCLC, Particle Board Core, Fire Core, 5-ply, and HPDL. These doors had ratings of 20-, 45-, and 90-minute with a Glamour Cherry color and a custom finish. This project, by American Direct, was featured in their Total Access Magazine.

