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### **Wagman Completes Transformation at Franklin & Marshall College**

**(York, Pa.)** Wagman Construction has completed the renovation of the former Appel Infirmary at Franklin & Marshall College (F&M) in Lancaster, Pa. The building, totaling 9,830 square feet, was transformed into Harwood Commons — in recognition of an enabling gift by F&M alumnus Brett Harwood '71 — and became the new home for the college's Office of Student and Post-Graduate Development, as well as the Ware Institute for Civic Engagement. The building previously housed F&M's health and counseling services which moved across campus in June 2016.

This new space reflects F&M's continuing commitment to improving the student experience, a key component of the college's strategic plan. The project included the complete interior renovation of the first floor and the lower level of the building, new mechanical infrastructure, new windows, ADA compliant and gender neutral restrooms, an elevator, and an outdoor loggia. The building, originally constructed in 1958, now incorporates items such as a video conferencing system to provide students modern tools for job and graduate school interviews.

With a goal of renewing the building for the next 40 years, additional features of Harwood Commons include sustainable elements such as LED lighting, hand dryers in the restrooms, and Green Label Plus Certified Carpet. Materials removed during the demolition process were recycled.

Located at the heart F&M's active campus, work required managing tight site logistics, protecting adjacent buildings, and maintaining a safe and secure site for students. The project included protecting several heritage trees throughout construction.

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