

LOCATION

West Haven, CT

OWNER

University of New Haven

DELIVERY METHOD

Construction Manager

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

From behind the scenes, but in front of schedule, a cutting-edge media center is produced

Life in a news production studio is fast-paced, exciting, a bit stressful and anything but a nine-to-five job. The same could be said about building one in a fully occupied building on a tight deadline.

Located inside Maxcy Hall, the project first demolished the old television studio/ production classrooms and then upgraded the entire space, including the set and accompanying technology; as well as three classroom renovations, new air conditioning, lighting, furnishings and finishes.

Milestone was charged with having the new space operational by January 2017, when students returned from winter break, meaning all work needed to be completed during fall semester. We overcame the challenges of an occupied building with early starts, evening shifts and weekend work.

Milestone worked closely with Creative Dimensions, which has created sets for ABC News and ESPN among others. Daily coordination kept equipment and construction logistics aligned and on schedule.

We built tiered seating in the control room so that students can watch and learn about production in a real-world setting. We also built a loading dock with direct access to the new studio to accommodate building equipment and materials — the dock now serves as the main access for moving production equipment in and out of the studio.

