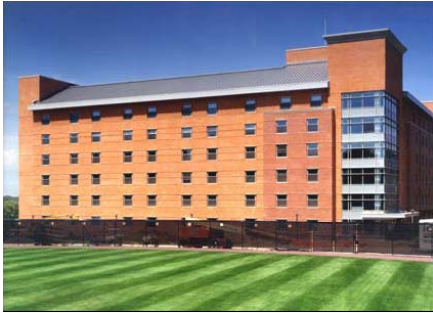


**ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY – DONOVAN HALL**  
**QUEENS, NY**

**OWNER:**  
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

**CONSTRUCTION COST:**  
\$27 Million

**COMPLETION DATE:**  
2003



Jeffrey Stern, Vice President for Construction Management Services, was a project manager for St. John's University's new 6-story, 117,000-square foot Donovan Hall, a residential facility designed by Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, Architects. The structural steel building is concrete slab-on-grade with concrete filled metal deck with a cellar and mechanical penthouse. The exterior of the building is designed to complement the existing dormitory structures on campus with custom brick and stone accents, aluminum and glass curtain wall, and a standing seam metal roof. Punched openings for sleeping room windows give the building a residential appeal. The dormitory houses 115 suites that consist of one double room and one triple room sharing a bath.

The rooms are outfitted with telecommunication/data and cable outlets for each of the 440 residents. The Garden Level consists of administration offices, minister's apartment, common rooms, pantry, meditation room and mechanical rooms.

This L-shaped building is the sixth in a series of dormitories for St. John's, that five years ago was a 100% commuter attended campus. As part of the original campus master planning, St. John's also constructed its own power plant and 27K substation. The plan anticipated the need for steam and water lines that would feed into future dormitories via underground tunnels. Thus each building, including this one, is constructed with an opening in the foundation wall that allows for future extension of MEPS systems to new buildings. As an additional savings, the plan has also provided permanent utilities to each construction site from the very start.

**Project Highlights:**

- Aluminum and Glass Curtain wall
- 115 Suites
- Power Plant
- Helped to Transformed Campus from Commuter to Residential

