

New Robbins Dormitory



Currently in the design phase is a new 52,000 square foot, 163-bed dormitory attached to the north end of the existing Robbins House. Prominently located across the park from Frank Gehry's Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, completion is scheduled for May 2006, in time for the start of the Summer semester.

The new building is four stories in height, roughly coinciding with the existing Robbins floor levels. Additional functions to the undergraduate, graduate and faculty housing program will include small conference rooms, classrooms, practice rooms, an exercise room, student lounge, laundry facilities and storage area for college buildings and grounds services. The entire building will have access to the Bard College wireless network, and each resident will have their own data- and phone lines.

The exterior design is inspired by the Victorian Tudor Revival period of a century ago, with detailing and massing that compliments, enhances and improves upon the style of the existing Robbins House. Materials used to express these precedents will include brick, cast concrete, stone veneer, eifs (Exterior Insulation & Finish System) paneling, multi-lite fenestration and wood and metal detailing.

The design will be designed to meet LEED Silver certification standards with energy efficient heating, cooling and water systems and low environmental-impact material selection and use. Wells will be drilled to facilitate a comprehensive geothermal heating and cooling system, similar to the one now functioning at the Village Dorms. Bard College is a pioneer in the application of green, sustainable principles among smaller, private institutions. The addition of New Robbins will further illustrate these values, allowing the college to expand their enrollment and curriculum in a sensible, aesthetically convincing manner.

