



Agnes Varis Campus Center



New Lecture Hall Expansion (In Progress)
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**Bowdoin and Finegold Alexander +
Associates Celebrate the Dedication of
the Agnes Varis Campus Center**

Grafton, Massachusetts - Bowdoin and Finegold Alexander + Associates celebrate the dedication of the Agnes Varis Campus Center at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. The official ceremony honoring Agnes Varis took place on September 23, 2008 and included tours of the new facility.

The project was the adaptive reuse of a former Grafton State Hospital nurse's housing facility into a new multi-use Campus Center for Tufts University in Grafton, MA. The existing 16,000 s.f. four-story structure was built in 1913 and had been vacant and abandoned for the past thirty years. The project involved building envelope renovations including the replacement of all windows, repair of the slate roof, repair and repointing of all masonry, and new stone steps. Interior work included demolition, shoring and removal of bearing walls, fitout of a new commercial kitchen and dining facilities, student/faculty gathering spaces, book store, exercise room, men's and women's locker rooms with showers, a four-stop elevator, handicapped lift, and all new MEP/FP systems and finishes.

Phase two of the project, currently in progress, is the construction of a new 7,200 s.f. lecture hall addition.

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