

## **Robert McComsey Career Development Center**

Owner: Alfred University

Award: 1998 Design Award from The Rochester Chapter American Institute of Architects.

Before becoming an award winning building, WEI started with a structural shell that sat crumbling and neglected for over forty years. Renovations included pointing up the stonework, replacing every window and piecing together thousands of sections of stonework.

### **Challenges**

Nicknamed “the castle,” the structure had a bold and architecturally unique exterior that utilized over 8000 types of local rock. WEI paid special attention to construct an interior that complimented the castle’s outer appearances while accommodating the demands of a state-of-the-art office building.

### **Craftsmanship**

Much of the project required the steady hands of practiced craftsmen. WEI carefully selected only those who would treat their handiwork as art. Carpenters rebuilt all the ceiling arches. Masons refitted, patched and strengthened new stonework to seamlessly blend with the old. The drywall ovals in the dormers were hand-cut and fitted with precision.

### **Coordination**

The Robert McComsey Career Development Center is a showcase of talent and a genuine blend of old and new. Its success is a testament to WEI’s extensive and personal knowledge of the region’s construction community, building materials, and WEI’s trademark, hands-on approach from start to finish.