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Expansion of UB's Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Topping out ceremony, one of the last beams for the building

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31 March 2016 – Buffalo, NY, USA – The University at Buffalo is ever expanding, investing millions of dollars in the local community, and creating opportunities for students and faculty alike. One of their major recent projects has been the construction of the University's new medical building. On March 22, the University hosted a topping out ceremony, signifying the final beam in the construction process.

A colossus at eight stories high, this building has a total of 7,459 steel beams and approximately 7,000 tons of structural steel. The downtown facility, is set for completion in 2017. The new medical building will be the host of 2,000 faculty, staff, and students. The facility will increase population density in the neighboring community, and create further economic opportunities in the form of retail and housing development.



This 628,000 square foot building will allow the University at Buffalo to increase the medical student class size from 144 to 180 and add 100 new scientists. Some of the anticipated partners in collaboration for further research include the UB Clinical and Translational Research Center, the Kaleida Health Gates Vascular Institute, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, John R. Oishei Children's Hospital, Buffalo General Medical Center, and the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute.

The construction of this site has created 300 jobs with an investment of \$375 million dollars. The school has created goals for minority and women business enterprise (MWBE) participation throughout the first and second phase of the project. Made possible by philanthropy and state funding, this project is one of many to come with the school's NYSUNY 2020 program.

For more information, click on the following:

http://medicine.buffalo.edu/news_and_events/news.host.html/content/shared/smb/news/2016/03/beam-signing-topping-out-5755.detail.html

<http://www.buffalo.edu/news/releases/2016/03/055.html>