

ROTARIANS ASSIST INSPIRE, HOSPICE

Elizabeth Rowley, community relations director of Inspire, accepts a \$1,000 donation from the Warwick Valley Rotary Club for the Goshen-based organization's de-ranging therapy programs. Inspire operates Orange County Cerebral Palsy Association facilities in Goshen, Monroe and Newburgh. Inspire impacts the lives of nearly 5,000 individuals through physical and occupational therapies, assistive technology, speech and language services, audiology, aquatic therapy, early intervention services, consumer and family services, home modifications and dental services. Inspire Kids, a special education preschool, serves approximately 250 students in its Goshen, Newburgh and Monroe locations. Presenting the check is Rotary Immediate Past President John Buckley. The service club, consisting of community leaders, local business and professional men and women, also donated \$1,000 to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties.

Eco-friendly Kaplan Hall wins gold certification

NEWBURGH — Kaplan Hall, the new classroom building on SUNY Orange's Newburgh campus, is the first building in Orange County, public or private, to be awarded LEED Gold Certification by the United States Green Building Council.

The LEED rating system offers four certification levels for new construction — Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum — that correspond to the number of credits accrued in five sustainable design categories. The U.S. Green Building Council says LEED certification provides independent, third-party verification that a building, home, or community was built to "achieve high performance" in sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.

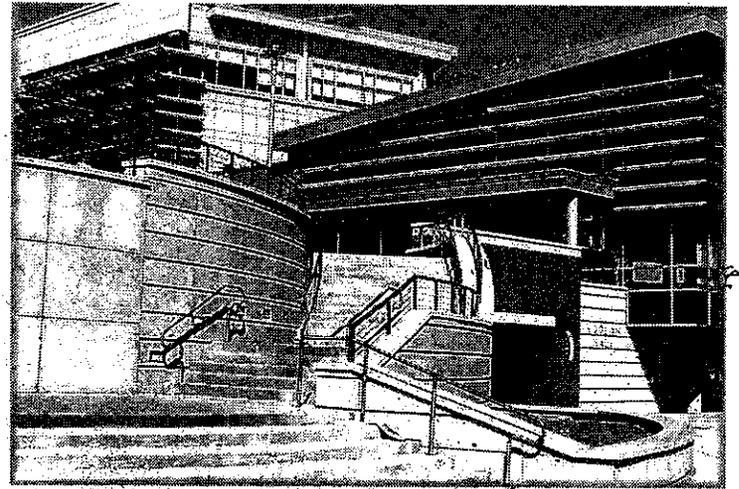
JMZ Architects and Planners designed the building.

Dr. William Richards, SUNY Orange president, called the building "a stunning architectural masterpiece that is both beautiful and efficient."

According to research by JMZ, Kaplan Hall is the 11th building at any college in the SUNY system to achieve the Gold classification, with half of the first 10 buildings at Cornell University. Two other community colleges in New York — Monroe and Hudson Valley — have LEED certified buildings.

Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana applauded the "outstanding collaboration" between Orange County DPW, SUNY Orange, JMZ, Holt Construction, and other consultants and contractors.

Kaplan Hall opened in 2010. About 1,500 students attend the Newburgh campus each semester. Local groups and organizations use the Kaplan building for meetings, workshops, seminars, cultural events, and other gatherings.



Kaplan Hall

SUSTAINABLE FEATURES

Here are some of Kaplan Hall's sustainable design features:

- Sun shading maximizes natural light while limiting heat gain
- Highly efficient heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems save energy
- Interior light fixtures and sensors reduce lighting energy use by 50 percent
- Roof-mounted photovoltaic array generates 20,000 kilowatt hours per year
- Roof rainwater is captured in a 15,000-gallon cistern used to irrigate the vegetative rooftop of the underground parking garage and campus plaza
- Stormwater runoff is treated on site. Landscape plants are drought resistant
- Inside the building, water-conserving fixtures reduce usage by 263 percent
- Approximately 44 percent of the construction materials used in the building came from Newburgh and the surrounding region
- Recycled materials were also used

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