



University Housing Services is helping the Florida Institute of Technology reposition itself from a good American institution to one of America's great universities. Florida Tech engaged the services of UHS again, this time to develop Phase 1 of its new student community, Central Campus Redevelopment.

This project consisted of the following:

- 137,000 square foot residence hall for nearly 400 students
- 34,000 square foot food service and banquet facility with seating for 550
- 15,200 square foot life sciences and aquaculture lab facility
- 6-level, 350-space parking deck
- 50-meter competition swimming and diving facility

The new vision of Melbourne-based Florida Tech, the only independent, technological university in the Southeast, was to transform itself by creating multiple facilities that are very accessible to the community. The innovative design gives Florida Tech a true living-learning community that incorporates all of the principles of new urbanism through essentially a living, breathing village that's very accessible. The design accomplishes this by encouraging walking through pedestrian paths, land savings through a multi-level parking garage and minimizing sprawl.

This was indeed a major transformation for a school that started out as a small technical college in 1958 to train professionals working in the space program (now the Kennedy Space Center) 50 miles away.

The Village was completed in 2010. Thanks in part to UHS, Florida Tech is on its way towards becoming one of the top 10 technological universities in the world.



Project Name and Location:

Central Campus Redevelopment
Project - Phase 1
Florida Institute of Technology
Melbourne, Florida

Project Specifics:

Project Completion - 2010

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