

BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE

*Rondileau Campus Center:
Phases I & II*
Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Project Data

Date: Phase I: 1998
Phase II: 1999-2000
Size: 3.5 acres
Context: Central campus in state college

Project features:

- Ceremonial lawn
- Dining terrace
- Sculpted fountain
- Athletic court
- Accessible walkways
- Service/parking area



Project Description:

The Rondileau Campus Center is centrally located at the heart of the Bridgewater State College Campus. The Campus Center serves as the College’s main gathering location and one of its major circulation routes. Construction of this project was phased to meet the Collage’s needs and budgetary constraints.

Phase I incorporated a paved play court with basketball rim and backboard to provide recreational space for an adjacent men’s dormitory, new walkways with handrails, seating, lighting and plantings. Phases I and II are linked together with an A.D.A. accessible network of walks, including the 20’ wide main promenade, which links the Campus Center (cafeteria, auditorium and student related facilities) with the administrative quad, College library, and Park Avenue campus corridor. The design brings prominence to this important college hub. The oval lawn marks the Rondileau Center entrance and provides an open lawn for outdoor college events. Just outside the entrance, at the top of the oval, stands a sculpted fountain that adds physical, aesthetic and emotional ambiance. A new terrace on the oval’s west side provides an outdoor dining and studying space adjacent to the cafeteria. The auditorium’s existing loading area has been refined and separated from the pedestrian walk by a planted buffer. Native plantings are used successfully throughout the design to provide multi-seasonal color, reduce building scale and reduce maintenance costs for the College.

EDC Principal Thomas Elmore provided input on design refinement and added the details to insure a successful project. Mr. Elmore prepared the construction documents (drawings and specifications) and provided bidding assistance for both phases of implementation. He oversaw the construction of Phase I, while Phase II was constructed after he left the design firm of record.

