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Follansbee Roof Tops the Newest Building at Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio

FOLLANSBEE, WV...Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, with a faith-based education tradition that has withstood the test of time, has built its campus with the same commitment to strength and integrity.

Follansbee TCS II® Terne Coated Stainless roofs top the newly expanded J.C. Williams Center and four other buildings on campus, all designed by MacLachlan, Cornelius & Filoni (MCF Architects) and inspired by the small Italian hometown of St. Francis of Assisi, the university's patron saint. Other buildings with Follansbee roofs include the Kolbe/Clare Residence Halls, Finnegan Field House, and the Saints Cosmas and Damian Science Hall.

"MCF Architects recognizes the superior durability of the Follansbee TCS II product and its ability to stand up to UV light, hot and cold extremes, and any potential corrosives that could affect other types of roofing systems," explains Project Manager Ben Wetmore of MCF Architects. "We specified a stainless roof for the J.C. Williams Center because we wanted to ensure that it was maintenance-free for many years to come, and aesthetically, because it was appropriate for our design approach. We know that Follansbee provides the best stainless steel roofing system in the business and we are pleased to use TCS II at Franciscan University."

"The continued repeat specification of TCS II on the campus speaks to the architect's and university's commitment to the use of sustainable building materials," adds Vice President and General Manager Edward Thomas of Follansbee. "TCS II offers corrosion resistance and longevity that far surpass other building materials. TCS II also provides a unifying and classic look for the campus."

Affectionately nicknamed the "living room" of campus, the J.C. Williams Center is the hub of student life, with numerous lounges, student mailboxes, a bookstore and café. The facility was renovated and expanded to accommodate an 82 percent growth in student population since the original facility was built in 1971. The expansion, totaling 11,236 square feet, added meeting rooms, student study areas, enlarged restrooms, a new elevator, central staircase and mezzanine.

With an airy 45-foot-high atrium and bright floor-to-ceiling windows, the J.C. Williams Center can now accommodate concerts, dances and other cultural events. Officials of the college hope that the space can be a place where students gather and relax and where visitors and newcomers can come for information.

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“One of the design challenges for this project was to create an addition to an existing building that looked and felt entirely ‘new,’” added Wetmore. “Because this is the university’s student center, it needed to be a welcoming place, one where kids can see and be seen – a destination where students and faculty can socialize, study and meet. Visually, it needed to be both in context with the other buildings on campus yet distinctive so that it would draw people to it.”

TCS II is an architectural stainless steel coated with Follansbee's patented ZT (zinc/tin) alloy. As a result of Follansbee’s extensive metallurgic research, TCS II does not require painting, is designed to weather naturally to an attractive gray patina, and can withstand severe corrosive conditions including industrial, coastal and salt-water environments. Follansbee offers nine pre-formed profiles for metal roofing, including six standing seam profiles, but the highly versatile TCS II can be tailored into a variety of design forms, from the traditional standing seam roof to a vertical wall, barrel applications, shingles, and customized sections in flat or spherical shapes. TCS II is solderable and virtually maintenance-free.

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