

## Catholic Center at Tulane University



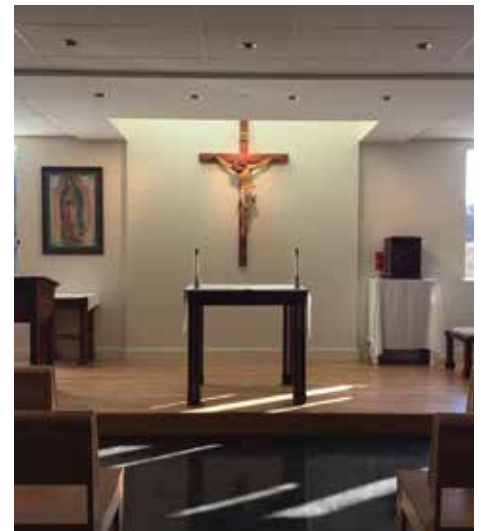
**The Catholic Center at Tulane University**, located at 1037 Audubon Street in the heart of the university’s campus, was officially complete as of August 7, 2015.

The 8,400 square foot, three-story assembly building is equipped with a social room and food prep/kitchen on the first floor, a chapel on the second floor, and student/pastor offices and educational classrooms for Tulane students and parishioners on the third floor.

The building façade portrays an old colonial-style, New Orleans building with

hardie board siding and porch columns. The color scheme of multiple shades of green and white on the façade represents the pride of the Green Wave.

The Catholic Center celebrated the opening of their new building on August 21st as the Fall Semester commenced. We would like to give special thanks to Father Thomas Schaeffgen of the Catholic Center at Tulane University, Michael Burnette of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Ashton Avegno, and Jim Rogers and Scott Welty of HMS Architects for a complete team effort in creating a dream into a reality.



# COMPLETED PROJECT

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## Port Sulphur Faculty Housing

**The Port Sulphur Faculty Housing** project began in October 2014 and was completed on July 31, 2015 just in time for the teachers to move into their apartments before the start of school. The 13,000 square foot concrete structure consists of seven apartments for teachers of Plaquemines Parish.

We would like to thank VergesRome Architects and HOV for their involvement in the project without which we would not have had such a successful completion. We would also like to give special thanks to Hanover Insurance Group for bringing us in to help with the completion of this project.



## Gretna Police Headquarters

**The City of Gretna's new addition** at the Gretna Police Headquarters is set to open the doors to its three-story, 4,500 square foot building in September 2015.

The building will consist of officer training quarters, executive and IT offices, conference rooms, a 911 call center, incident command rooms, and public and private restrooms for the police department.

We are currently completing the interior finish stages of the project including the final paint coatings, ceramic wall and tile flooring, carpet, and furniture setup. The exterior façade including brick, pre-cast concrete panels, and stucco has been completed.

We would like to thank Deputy Chief Anthony Christiana and Captain Russell Lloyd of the Gretna Police Department, Burgdahl & Graves Architects, Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., MS Benbow, and many others who assisted with this project.



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## New Orleans African American Museum



**Renovations to Building 2** of the New Orleans African American Museum are on the way to completion. Building 2 is the first of ten buildings on the museum’s campus that will be 100% renovated. This building is a historic renovation and will be housing administrative offices, a reading room, archives, and a conference center, as well as a multipurpose room. The building’s exterior and interior wood work will be salvaged and become part of the new building. Construction is scheduled for completion in October of this year.

This will be a successfully completed project with the Museum’s Board, Billes Architects, and First NBC Bank.

## Dorignac’s Food Center



**Phase I of the renovation** started in August 2014 and was complete in late July 2015. This phase consisted of a sitework renovation to the existing parking lot, adding a new generator to service the entire store, renovation of the Bakery operations area, and installing a new façade including aluminum composite panels, storefront, and an LED lighting system that can be controlled to change

colors and patterns for different occasions.

Phase II of the project began in July 2015 and is scheduled for completion before Thanksgiving 2015. This phase consists of renovating the produce area, providing a fresh fruit cut station, new flooring, new lighting and ceiling throughout the entire store, a renovation to the meat and seafood area, and a new design and renovation of

the café operations. We would like to thank the Dorignac’s representatives including Ronnie Dawson, Shawn Normand, Kevin Neyrey and Becky Fillinger, as well as Perez Architects, APC for making this project a successful one and look forward to working together to ensure that Phase II is as successful as Phase I.

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## Greater New Orleans Foundation

**GNOF's new office site** is located on the East side of Lee Circle. This space was previously occupied by a gas station that has since been demolished. The new building will be a 3 story, 22,440 square foot space. The first floor will contain a café and public meeting space. The second floor will have staff workspace, a conference room, and a lunch room. The third floor will include additional staff workspace, a resource center, executive offices, and a balcony overlooking Lee Circle and St. Charles Avenue.

The foundation is auger cast pile supported with a concrete structure as the frame of the building. The exterior of the building will consist of precast, brick, and glass curtain wall façade. The site will include a landscaped courtyard complete with a rain garden and demonstration cistern that is collectively part of the self-sustaining irrigation design.

We have completed all auger cast piles, concrete foundations, first floor slab on grade as well as concrete columns to the second floor along with shear walls. The concrete structure will be completed by November 2015 topping out with the concrete floor deck at which point we will disassemble shoring and commence with exterior wall construction.

The completion of the building will be summer 2016. We are excited to be working with Waggonner & Ball Architects, Ryan Crespino of GNOF, and Oscar M. Gwin, III of Construction Strategies, LLC on this project.



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## Schoen Funeral Home, Chapel Addition



**Construction of the Chapel Addition** at the Schoen Funeral Home began in May and is now starting to take shape. The pilings, pile caps, and the retaining walls have been completed, the structural steel is erected, and the structural wood framing is ongoing. The exterior of the façade will consist of storefront glazing and plaster with Roman arches to tie the new building with the historical façade of the existing one. Two new Porte Cochere's are being added to the right of the new building. The interior will contain architectural wood beams with wood coffer ceilings and painted gypsum board walls.



The project is scheduled to be complete in December 2015. We are pleased to be rewarded with this project as Schoen Funeral Home has been a leader in funeral services for decades. We are accompanied by a great team including Lachin Oubre & Associates and Carriage Services, and we look forward to another successful project for the community.



# NEW CONSTRUCTION

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## Academy of Our Lady

**Construction of the Academy of Our Lady High School Art Building Addition** began in June 2015. The art building is the newest addition to the school’s brand new campus that opened in February 2015.

The one-story, 5,800 square foot, pre-engineered metal building consists of choir, drama, and art classrooms. The building’s exterior is constructed to match the surrounding buildings. This includes a brick façade, storefront windows and doors, and walkway canopies. The building is scheduled for turnover to Academy of Our Lady in October 2015.

We are pleased to be working with Andre Villere of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Sister Michelle Geiger and Craig Kirtland of Academy of Our Lady, Steve Graves of Burgdahl & Graves Architects, and GVA Engineering, LLC on this project.



## Notre Dame Seminary, St. Joseph’s Hall

**The Notre Dame Seminary St. Joseph’s Hall of Philosophy project** commenced in June 2015.

This existing four story building will be renovated to contain a chapel, classrooms, offices, study rooms, conference rooms, restrooms, bathrooms, and bedrooms for students and visiting priests. The exterior work includes parking lot asphaltting and re-striping, treatment to the historical windows, cleaning of existing brick and mortar on the façade, and repainting of the existing railings and other miscellaneous metals.

We are currently working on the restoration of all of the historical windows and completing the demolition of interior walls in the basement through third floor. In the upcoming months, we will be installing all the interior walls

as well as the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing rough-ins.

We look forward to working with the Archdiocese of New Orleans, the Very Reverend Father Jim Wehner of Notre Dame Seminary, HMS Architects, and GVA Engineering, LLC on this project.



## Proud to Call New Orleans HOME



Rachelle Albright, CEO

**AUGUST 2015.** Writing this newsletter article prompts me to reflect on where our firm and our people were ten years ago. As I turn

through the pages of this edition and see all of our recently completed and under construction projects, I am reminded, even today, that some of our projects are part of the area's rebuilding efforts from Katrina. I think about how the storm impacted our clients, all of our employees who were with us 10 years ago and still today, and how we have grown since then.

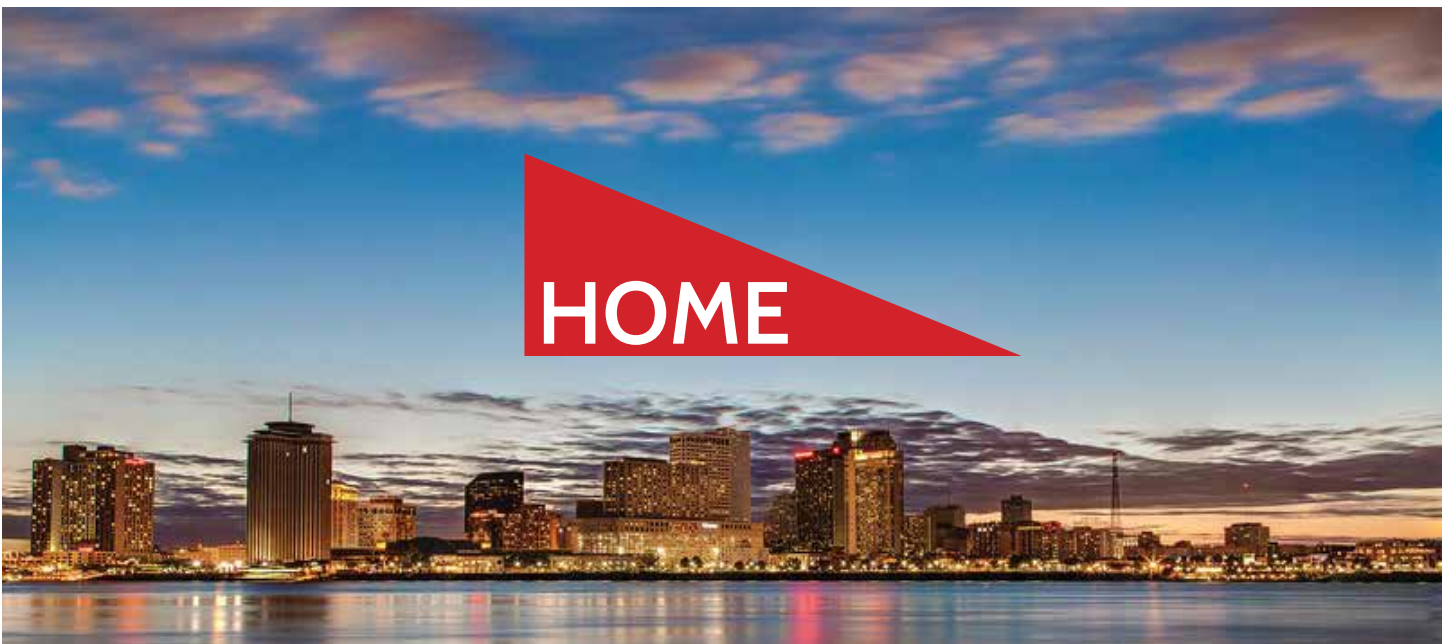
As a construction company during the aftermath of Katrina, we had two priorities – locating our employees and contacting all of our clients whose projects were under construction. There is no question that this catastrophic event

instantaneously forced many of us to find our inner strength in order to stay focused on our priorities and to deal with the hand we had been dealt – both personally and professionally. Nearly all of our employees returned within a three week timeframe and were prepared to assist the firm with restarting our projects. At the time, many of our clients had not only active projects under construction, but several had other facilities that they needed us to stabilize and repair. Thus, our contribution to the city's rebuilding efforts steamed ahead.

We conducted daily "huddles" in our conference room to discuss who was going where and the status of each project, large or small. The walls of the conference room were covered with paper noting what the daily activity and staffing needs were. At night, the office served as a home to several of our employees as the place they called home was no longer. Our office yard had several trailers for some employees and

their families. This situation gave the Myers family an appreciation of how our employees valued their place on our team and showed their commitment to our company and to the community. It also created a sense of comradery and normalcy for our staff.

As we reflect on how our lives have changed since that unforgettable time, I believe as a local general contractor, our firm was fortunate to have been an integral player in the city's rebuilding efforts. We believe that our company's strong reputation and dedication to professionally servicing the construction needs of our community has afforded us numerous opportunities with new clients. We are most grateful for all of the employees who were with us at that time and still here today, as well as the many others who have joined our company since then. All of the above is what makes F. H. Myers Construction PROUD TO CALL NEW ORLEANS HOME.





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