



## Hancock Welcome Center at Liberty University



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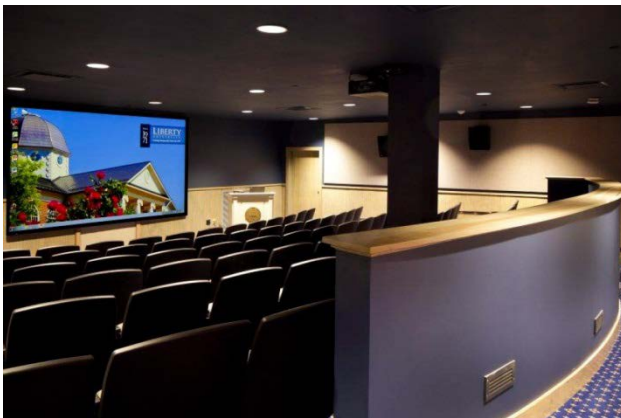
**Size (SF):** 3 story, 36,000 sq ft

**Contract Delivery Method** AIA format, at-risk  
**Contract Time** 270 calendar days  
*Contract completed on time and in budget*



### Project Narrative

Capped with a copper dome covering the central atrium, Hancock Welcome Center holds a prominent place on the campus of Liberty University with its front and rear porticos. In addition to providing a space to introduce prospective students to the university, it also features a theater, outdoor terrace, banquet room, and full-service kitchen for the hosting of events, as well as the office of the chancellor, a board room, and administrative offices.



Halfway through construction, University leadership chose to drastically modify the programmatic functions of the interior. This included adding a kitchen on the third floor after all spaces were drywalled and roof was in place, requiring the reinforcement of roof trusses in place to accommodate the installation of kitchen equipment. All programming changes were accomplished within or below the university's budget.



Construction activities were closely coordinated with all football games as the site is adjacent to Williams Stadium. Board meetings were held in the new board room prior to construction completion, requiring a Life Safety plan and coordination with inspection officials to allow temporary occupancy. Commencement exercises were also accommodated during construction to allow the use of the rear terrace and green space.