

Ross Commons and LaForce Hall

New Construction

The Ross Commons complex is comprised of LaForce Hall, Ross Dining Hall, and Ross Commons. LaForce Hall contains 67 beds in a mix of 4-person suites and single bedrooms. Each suite, in addition to 4 bedrooms, has a kitchen, living room, and bathroom. Single rooms are on the top floor with sweeping views of the campus and surrounding farm land. On the main floor are a TV lounge and a study/library room. Ross Dining Hall seats 300 and features a display kitchen with platform cooking stations, two outdoor dining sections and dramatic views west to the Adirondack Mountains. The Ross Commons administrative offices are located on the first floor of the Commons building along with two classrooms and several faculty offices.

A notable feature of Ross Commons is the use of over 30,000 board feet of yellow birch and beech installed throughout the project, particularly in Ross Dining. This wood was harvested from the College's Bread Loaf lands, and processed by several mills and woodworkers for flooring, trim, and ceiling and wall paneling.



Photo courtesy of Tai Soo Kim Partners, Architects.

Completed:	September 2002
Total Square Footage:	78,000
Project Manager:	Tom McGinn
Project Cost:	\$20,000,000
Architect:	Tai Soo Kim Partners, Hartford, CT
Construction Manager:	Barr and Barr, Inc., Framingham, MA

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