New Residence and Dining Hall at UMass Boston Recognized as Student Housing Project of the Year by Multifamily Executive

Capstone Development Partners’ P3 project at the University of Massachusetts Boston receives the Student Housing Project of the Year Grand Award

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (PRWEB) November 07, 2019 -- Capstone Development Partners (“Capstone”) announced that the New Residence and Dining Hall at the University of Massachusetts Boston was awarded the Project of the Year: Student GRAND award at the Multifamily Executive awards ceremony held on October 3rd in Las Vegas, NV.

The project was selected from among 300 entries across 14 award categories. This year’s judges looked for award entries that stood out from the rest of the pack for their outstanding design, remarkable architecture, creativity, and inventiveness. The project was judged on multiple criteria including: floorplan and site plan efficiency, creative use of building materials, and interior and exterior design quality; architecture, including curb appeal, specific needs of the target market and how those needs were addressed; response to unusual constraints or opportunities; involvement with government and/or community officials to bring the property to fruition; green features of the project or sustainable practices used in the building process; amenities package; and financing used for the project.

The new residence hall is the first on-campus housing at the University and houses over 1,000 first year and transfer students. It includes a 500-seat dining hall that serves the entire campus, along with living-learning amenities that support student success.

“We are delighted that this new residential community has been so well received by students and has effectively supported UMass Boston’s goals for recruitment, retention and the enhancement of campus and student life. We appreciate this and other awards the project has earned, but are most gratified to have helped deliver quality housing at the most affordable rates possible for UMass Boston students, while helping solve the chronic housing shortage in Boston. Our public-private partnership model is an effective option for institutions and communities seeking to address similar goals and challenges” said Jeff Jones, CDP Principal.

The UMass Boston New Residence and Dining Hall, was developed by Capstone in collaboration with the University of Massachusetts Boston and University of Massachusetts Building Authority, in a public-private partnership (“P3”).

The receipt of this award marks the second accolade the project has received since its opening in September 2018. This is Capstone’s seventh Student Housing Project of the Year Award from Multifamily Executive since receiving its first in 2007 for the mixed-use Charles Commons project at Johns Hopkins University.

The UMass Boston project was designed by Elkus Manfredi Architects; constructed by Shawmut Design and Construction; and is operated by COCM. The engineering team included Haley Aldrich, Nitsch Engineering, WSP, McNamara Salvia and AHA Engineering. Copley Wolff Design Group was the Project’s landscape architect. The project was financed with tax-exempt bonds and is owned, subject to a ground lease, by Provident Commonwealth Educational Resources, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

About Capstone Development Partners
Capstone Development Partners, LLC is a leading student housing developer in the on-campus and near-campus/university-affiliated student housing market. The company is headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama. Its principals, Jeff Jones and Bruce McKee, have more than 40 years combined experience as leaders in the higher education student housing sector specializing in the development and management of on-and-near campus student housing, through public-private partnerships and affiliations. Since 1997, the principals of Capstone have partnered with over 60 public and private colleges and universities, including the University of Massachusetts Boston, and delivered more than 44,000 beds of on-campus student housing nationwide.
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