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## Providence College expands Slavin Center

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Providence College officials last week cut the ceremonial ribbon to the college's renovated and expanded student center.

School administrators celebrated an 8,800-square-foot addition to the Slavin Center. The new two-story area features a student lounge with an adjacent coffee/smoothie area on the lower level and a quiet student lounge for studying and small social gatherings on the upper level.

A new two-story glass-enclosed atrium welcomes visitors to the center. The atrium's rooftop features photovoltaic cells to harness solar energy for the building.

Elsewhere in the building the college renovated 560 square feet of space on three levels, primarily to rehab and expand studio space for WDOM-FM radio and PC TV.

Construction took less than eight months and cost about \$6 million, the college said. The Slavin Center opened in 1971. The building hosts the school's bookstore, offices for administration and space for a number of student groups.



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REV. BRIAN J. SHANLEY, president of Providence College, cuts the ribbon to the expanded and renovated Slavin Center. Photo courtesy of Providence College.