

# S. M. WILSON COMPLETES CONSTRUCTION OF NEW \$8.9 MILLION PERFORMANCE GYMNASIUM AND STUDENT COMMONS AT COR JESU ACADEMY



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St. Louis, Mo., August 15, 2017 – S. M. Wilson & Co. has completed construction of the new \$8.9 million performance gymnasium and student commons at Cor Jesu Academy that enables the school to add new course offerings and state-of-the-art learning programs, while also growing its sports programs. The 40,000-square-foot, three-level addition is the second part of the Catholic, private, all-girl high school's long-range

campus enhancement plan that also included site improvements and increased on-campus parking.

The building addition includes a new performance gymnasium on the first level with one full court and state-of-the-art features conducive to basketball and volleyball competition, along with permanent bleachers and expanded weight and workout rooms. The second floor offers a new dance studio/multipurpose room, student commons and athletic offices. Four new innovative classrooms designed to foster leadership development and provide collaborative, cross-curriculum learning environments are located on the third floor.

The new student commons was built in open space between the new addition and the existing school building and provides a dramatic overlook into the new gymnasium. This designated community area will allow students to gather, meet with faculty and utilize collaborative study areas.

S. M. Wilson & Co. provided construction management services for the project, and Hastings + Chivetta was the project architect. Both firms engaged Cor Jesu students and faculty in STEM-related learning experiences as part of the building project throughout the 2016-17 academic year.

Cor Jesu Academy is a leading Catholic college-preparatory high school for young women founded in 1956 and operated by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Students from 60 zip codes across the St. Louis metropolitan area currently attend the school and come from more than 100 different Catholic, public, private and home-schooling learning environments. For more information, visit [www.corjesu.org](http://www.corjesu.org).

S. M. Wilson is a full-service construction management, design/build and general contracting firm with headquarters in St. Louis. S. M. Wilson is one of the largest general construction and construction management firms in the St. Louis area. The company posted \$280 million in 2016 revenues,

and ranks 220<sup>th</sup> in Engineering News-Record's 2016 list of Top 400 commercial contractors nationwide. For more information, visit [www.smwilson.com](http://www.smwilson.com).