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Wentworth Institute of Technology Announces Plan to Transform Campus

BOSTON, Feb. 21, 2024 — Wentworth Institute of Technology today announced a bold 10-year plan that will dramatically transform its physical campus, creating technologically advanced spaces for hands-on learning in preparation for STEAM careers while providing a modern, sustainable residential experience for students. The Institutional Master Plan will also serve Wentworth's community and its neighbors in Boston by bringing more students back onto campus in comfortable inclusive housing communities.

The plan features the creation of three new residence halls that will add approximately 1,400 beds for students, enhancing the on-campus student experience, and enabling the university to provide housing for every first-year student. The additional residential space for students is expected to alleviate pressure on the housing market in the surrounding Mission Hill, Roxbury, and Fenway neighborhoods. Significantly, the new residential living communities will replace outdated dormitories with modern living spaces best suited to today's student lifestyles and needs.

Finally, the plan more than doubles the amount of public green spaces on campus, affirming Wentworth's commitment to sustainability and resiliency, and to creating outdoor gathering spaces that benefit the community.

"This ambitious plan reflects the good momentum we have as a university," President Mark A. Thompson said. "As we implement elements of the plan, we'll be transforming our campus, creating new dynamic spaces for learning, working, and community building. It's exciting to me to see how we can simultaneously prepare our students to succeed, fulfill our mission, and be a good neighbor to the local community."

Projects over the next 10 years include:

- A new eight-story, 111,000-square-foot integrated athletics field house and 217-bed residence hall
- A 267,000-square-foot, 672-bed residence hall fronting on Huntington Avenue with study and event spaces, a dining hall, and an expanded fitness center
- A reconfigured 13-story, 522-bed residence hall at 630 Huntington Ave., replacing Baker Hall, that will include a café, study and event spaces
- A five-story West Quad Academic Building to newly house the School of Architecture and Design
- New North and South Halls, replacing the outdated Annex complex, offering new homes for the Schools of Engineering and Management
- Renovations to Wentworth Hall to include a new 20,000-square-foot Welcome Center and an outdoor plaza
- Two new outdoor green public spaces.

Plans were filed with the Boston Planning and Development Agency on Feb. 21 and will now undergo a period of review. This plan was informed by years of conversations with students, faculty and staff as part of a broader strategic planning process led by Perkins&Will. For more information, and to follow progress, visit wit.edu/about/imp.

About Wentworth Institute of Technology

Wentworth Institute of Technology is a private, non-profit, career-oriented university offering undergraduate, graduate, and professional training programs on its 31-acre campus in the heart of Boston, Mass. Founded in 1904, "The University of Opportunity" offers a diverse range of academic programs focused on emerging technologies and hands-on, future-ready learning experiences. Through its renowned cooperative education program, Wentworth seamlessly integrates classroom learning with professional experience in the areas of architecture and design, computing and data science, engineering, management, and sciences and humanities.