CASE STUDY

Gustavus Adolphus is an undergraduate, residential, liberal arts college. Founded in 1862 by Swedish immigrants, it is the oldest Lutheran college in Minnesota. Gustavus offers a liberal arts education of recognized excellence, provided by a faculty who embody the highest standards of teaching & scholarship.

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS DORMITORY

A typical Midwestern tornado destroyed a number of buildings on the campus early one spring. Among the destroyed buildings, was a large amount of residential housing. Campus leaders decided to replace the building in time for the coming school year. They wanted something permanent, attractive, substantial and inexpensive.

Administrators of the college found their solution with Innovative Modular Solutions (a modular building distributor focused on custom building solutions). Within weeks of the tornado’s strike, preliminary discussions were well under way. In April, plans were approved and off-site construction began at Whitley’s Indiana facility. The building was shipped in sections during July and by August, the first students were able to move into the finished building.

Administrators and maintenance staff at Gustavus Adolphus remain very pleased with the quality and ease of maintenance of their building. The structure also met the school’s strict budget demands.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 5 Months to complete from planning stage to final finish
- Structure set in days, allowing the site to quickly become weather tight and secure.
- Designed to blend in with the existing campus buildings
- Classical dormitory design with shared rooms and communal restroom & shower facilities
- No disruption or danger to campus
- Designed to meet local and state building code requirements
**Key Facts**

**Project Name**
Gustavus Adolphus

**Location**
Saint Peter, Minnesota

**Partner**
Innovative Modular Solutions

**Project Type**
Permanent Dormitory Facility

**Building Size:**
11,600 sq. ft.

**Building Units:**
22 Modules

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