

## **LORD AECK SARGENT**

Lenoir-Rhyne University Science Renovation & Addition  
Hickory, N.C.



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Lord Aeck Sargent and Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, N.C., collaborated to design the renovation of the existing Minges Science Building, which included the addition of Alex and Lee George Hall. The facilities opened for classes in August 2017.

The new construction integrates the mid-century modern design of the existing building, originating from 1959, with the more traditional early 20th century architecture of other buildings on the campus' main quad. Though the completed building houses chemistry, biology, physics, astronomy and earth science programs, it was functionally designed as a multi-disciplinary building to promote collaboration among students and faculty across departments while allowing flexibility as needs for departmental space evolve.

Complimented by upgraded and efficient modern furnishings and natural lighting, HVAC systems and fire protection coverage, the building offers over 30,000-square-feet of space for student enrichment that spans two floors and is connected to the existing building by a 2.5-story lobby. It also includes modern lecture facilities, state-of-the-art research laboratories, faculty offices, conference space, student interaction and public gathering areas, quiet studies with stunning campus views, an exterior greenhouse and outdoor classroom space and mechanical yard.