



White Hall's Summer Renovation

the facility

White Hall is a 12-story student housing facility on the University of Wyoming campus in Laramie.

the problem

After nearly 50-years of student use, White Hall's community bathrooms and in-room vanities were in need of renovation. Demolition and replacement of tile in 132 showers and replacement of 297 vanity countertops would exceed the school's budget and take longer than the allotted summer break schedule.

the Miracle Method solution

Three years prior, the University had asked Miracle Method to seal and refinish shower pans in another hall. Based on the success and durability of that project, the University directed their architect and contractor to Miracle Method Surface Refinishing for the White Hall renovation project. Working with Sampson Construction, Miracle Method's Laramie, WY, office developed a leap frog plan with a prep team staying one floor ahead of the refinishing team. Sampson also assisted by organizing the various subcontractors to minimize overlap and interference between trades.



the process

Plumbing contractors removed all fixtures before turning the shower stalls over to Miracle Method who made tile repairs and cleaned the surface using the company's two-step cleaning process. The cleaned and prepped tile was then treated with MM-4 bonding agent and refinished in a Natural Accents® stone-look finish before being turned over to plumbers and electricians to install new fixtures and lighting. Meanwhile, in student rooms, MM technicians repaired and refinished the laminate vanities to an updated stone look. Having prep and refinishing crews working separately was key to completing the project before students returned to campus.

the result

University and Sampson staffs were so impressed with the vanities that Miracle Method was asked to refinish all 297 built-in desks. Having already completed the vanities and bathroom tile and showers, starting the desks mid summer was a challenge. Using the same leapfrog process, the Miracle Method team started on the 12th floor and worked their way down. The project was completed in time for new furniture, lighting and carpet to be installed in advance of students' return. Miracle Method will continue to provide surface refinishing solutions to the University of Wyoming and Sampson Construction as the school continues to upgrade on campus student housing.



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