



Iona College

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you today to praise the valiant efforts set forth by Darlind Construction during the LaPenta Student Union and Hynes Athletic Center buildings process.

Iona is a small college with limited resources. The two buildings were vital to the college community in advancing the college's status amongst major colleges and universities across the nation. A lot of time and effort was put forth to raise funds for the Student Union and Athletic Center and there was an awful lot riding on the projects. Many individuals were anxious to see how the buildings would turn out and would the buildings exceed the high expectations set forth by donors, college administrators, as well as students.

Darlind Construction had a daunting task in front of them. Numerous issues consumed the projects; the capabilities of juggling two construction projects at once, limited construction areas, school was in session for most of the construction process which meant an active campus to contend with in regards to traffic patterns, both pedestrian and vehicular, as well as curious individuals who wanted constant updates on the progress. And these are only a few of the issues they encountered. I could go on and on.

Darlind Construction proved to be a wonderful addition on our campus. Their staff was friendly, personable and reliable. The workers on site were polite and easily assimilated into the campus, which was crucial to Iona. Campus life went on as normal, even though there were two major active construction projects.

There are not many companies that you can truly say care and are devoted to the project as much as the project owners. Darlind is definitely one. They treated Iona as family. They handled problems head on and were proactive in dealing with issues. No matter what issue arose, they were there to find a solution. This type of dedication and fortitude is invaluable.

Without Darlind Construction I can honestly say I don't believe that the LaPenta Student Union and Hynes Athletic Center would have been such a success. The buildings opened to rave reviews and it was because of their hard work, dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to the projects. Few companies could have juggled the work involved with such precision and organization.

Darling Construction is a company that I would entrust future construction endeavors with. From the groundbreaking to the ribbon cutting, they were flawless. They proved that no matter how daunting the tasks asked of them, they were able to persevere. They worked with Iona to be certain that the buildings were truly one of a kind and truly did have that Iona "feel" to it. Their intent on keeping Iona's best interest at hand was infallible. The end results are buildings that are now hallmarks of our campus and ones that the entire Iona community are extremely proud of.

Darling Construction has definitely made their mark on Iona College. Their hard work and dedication will forever be acknowledged in the two amazing buildings we have on our campus. To put it simply, we could not have asked for a better company to build our buildings. They went above and beyond and definitely surpassed our greatest expectations.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Murray", written in a cursive style.

Richard Murray  
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