Prince Frederick Residence Hall Reaches Milestone

The construction of the Prince Frederick Residence Hall is progressing right on schedule, and the concrete phase of the project has now been completed. A topping out party, a commemoration that is usually held at this stage in a construction process, took place on Wednesday, May 8 at the site.

Clark Construction was awarded the project in October 2011 and work began with the demolition of an older building and the relocation of Preinkert Drive. The project is now about halfway complete.

Larry Mundy, Project Superintendent at Clark Construction, the contractor, noted that it took a lot of effort to get to this point in a construction project. The concrete group worked over 50,000 man-hours and poured some 10,000 cubic yards of concrete since beginning work.

Now that the concrete frame has been erected, the next stages of work will involve exterior framing, brick work, masonry and interior rough-in. Approximately 140-150 people are working at the site on a daily basis.

FM Capital Projects Associate Director Brian Still thanked all those who played a role in the project to date, and noted that it takes collaboration to have this level of success.

"We’re kind of like a big sprocket. Each one of you is a tooth on that sprocket and without that tooth we would not drive forward. So we at the University of Maryland appreciate every person working on this project, no matter what role they played, because we know without you, we would not be successful."

At the topping out event, all employees who worked on the project to date were asked to sign their names on a column to be included in the structure as a time capsule.

Once completed, the seven-story residence hall will house 462 students in a combination of singles, doubles and four-person semi-suites. The building will feature an open lobby with both south and north entrances as well as a first floor and ground floor wing featuring small and large group meeting spaces for building events and living/learning program classes. The facility is expected to open in Fall 2014.