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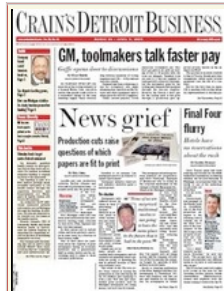
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M&A Award Winner for Best Expansion: University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry

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In January of last year, the Detroit neighborhood of Corktown became the new home of the **University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry**.

The expansion project has boosted school enrollment and patient volumes and greatly improved the space used for dental education.

Located at the former **Kindred Osteopathic Hospital**, at 2700 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., which closed in 1987, the \$25.5 million dental school features a high-tech dental simulation lab with 100 stations for students to practice dentistry on mannequins, and 190 patient rooms.

"This is a more central location for us, and we have increased our patient base," said Nancy Maier, former executive director for the dental school, who submitted the nomination. "We are seeing more Latin-Americans, more Arab-Americans, and we have much more space."

The dental school more than doubled its space to 250,000 square feet from 110,000 square feet. With space for 100 students, the school now enrolls 87, up from 78 at its old campus. The new school also increased patient volume to 105,000 visits in 2008 from 80,000 in 2007.

Nearly one-third of the dentists practicing in Michigan are UDM School of Dentistry graduates.

The Corktown campus is centered within major metropolitan highways and is accessible by mass transportation. Its parking lot has more than 800 spaces.

"Mert (Dr. Mert Aksu, dental school dean), found the building when he was driving around the city of Detroit," Maier said. "He loved it and wanted to do something with it."

Maier said the dental school purchased and renovated the building at a bargain \$13 per square foot.

"We looked at building a brand-new building but got just what we wanted and saved an enormous amount of money," said Maier, who now is the university's assistant dean for development.

The Detroit-based **Smith Group Architects** designed the building, and **White Construction Co.** in Detroit was the general contractor.

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