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ARTS CENTER
NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

Lewiston, New York

Owner / Client: Niagara University

Area: 675,000 square feet

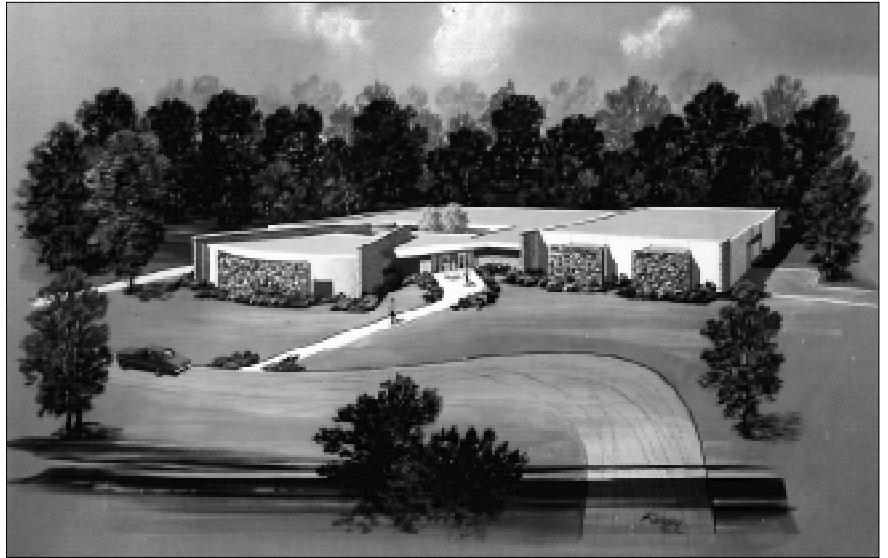
Cost: \$ 2 million

During a period of rapid growth, Niagara University challenged TRM Architect to provide them with an art gallery and associated classrooms to be operational the following year. The University had in its possession a 1950's high school science building and questioned whether or not it could be utilized.

After providing an existing building evaluation and further articulating the University's program requirements, TRM presented schematic design proposals that maintained and built upon the existing context.

The following school year, a fully functional photography studio, ceramics studio, fine arts studios, and flexible exhibition space were successfully integrated around a sculpture courtyard and opened within budget and on schedule.

Key elements for the classrooms throughout the planning and design phases included: display space using white or neutral tack boards, space within the room and in hallways with locked cases backing to the art room; storage and drying racks to free up needed production space; lighting that enables the visibility and use of shadow and shading; windows to the outside that not only lift the artful spirit, but also allow for teaching concepts with respect to space, depth, and perspective; sinks in separate locations to allow better accessibility; ventilation to remove dust and fumes; doors that go directly outdoors, facilitating opportunities that cannot be done inside; and flooring that provided for easy cleaning.



“Never did I feel a more personal effort. It was as if Tom [Moscati] was the client as well as the architect.”

Gerard M. Mahoney, C.M.

Past President, Niagara University