



September 26, 2022

Re: Commonwealth Charter Academy – Johnstown Renovation

To whom it may concern,

This is a letter of recommendation for Shannon Construction for their efforts at the General Contractor for the renovation of 647 Main Street, Johnstown, PA into an office building for Commonwealth Charter Academy (CCA). This historic building is part of the urban and historic fabric of Johnstown and the client chose to approach the renovation of this building to enhance the historic features and make a lasting impact that would give back to the community.

The urban and historic nature of the building unveiled unforeseen challenges once construction began. Construction included the removal of a two-story storage building that was not original to the structure but made way for a sustainable outdoor patio bringing fresh air and flexible workspaces into the work environment. As typical with older sites, underground obstructions were discovered, and Shannon worked closely with Strada and CCA to address site conditions that uncovered buried conditions which impacted footers and other elements of new construction. Interior construction uncovered original steel detailing and wood features which were highlighted through the efforts of the team.

Shannon took a positive and proactive approach to coordinating with the various client consultants on the project. The site location directly adjacent to a rail line required ongoing communication with the rail company to allow for access to renovate one entire façade of the building.

Shannon worked closely with Strada and the client to minimize cost impacts on the project, meet an aggressive schedule and deliver a renovated building that exceeded our expectations. They were a pleasure to work with and we look forward to working with them in the future..

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dina Snider".

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