Cole Hall Earns Gold LEED Certification

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An aerial view of Cole Hall.

The University continues to be a leading campus in sustainability, with the newly renovated, expanded Susan A. Cole Hall achieving Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold status through the U.S. Green Building Council.

Cole Hall joins the Center for Environmental and Life Sciences, which was certified in 2017, as one of two buildings on campus to receive the LEED Gold designation.

The Green Building Council's LEED program rates projects based on a set of prerequisites that address sustainability issues. Projects receive one of four LEED rating levels: Certified, Silver, Gold or Platinum.

Other buildings on campus with LEED status include the School of Communication and Media, certified LEED Silver in 2018; the Feliciano School of Business, certified in 2020; and University Hall, certified in 2008.

"There are only nine LEED Gold buildings at colleges and universities in New Jersey," says Shawn Connolly, vice president for University Facilities. "We are very excited to have the distinction of owning two of those now with the addition of Susan A. Cole Hall to our existing inventory of LEED buildings."