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Being Green

A Brand-New Building Reinforces Respect for the Environment

A MAGNIFICENT NEW BUILDING Stands on the Foote Campus



The Jonathan Milikowsky Science and Technology Building from the vantage point of the playing field behind it

Despite a tornado watch and thunderstorm warnings throughout the day, the sun emerged through the clouds to shine on the formal dedication of the Jonathan Milikowsky Science and Technology Building Saturday, September 8. The sounds of violin and piano, beautifully rendered by Foote parents Yaira Matyakubova and Andrius Žlabys, wafted above the courtyard in front of the building. >



Moments after the couple completed the performance, Board President Richard Bershtein and Head of School Carol Maoz spoke to the audience, along with Libby Peard, who was president of the Board during the early phase of the 'Imagine Our Future' campaign that enabled construction of the building.

Then Foote school graduate Jennifer Milikowsky '02 stepped up to the lectern, delivering a speech that paid tribute to her brother Jonathan '98, the building's namesake. Her words drew both tears and laughter from the audience. (See "A Heartfelt Memory of a Beloved Brother" on page 8.)

The crowd stood to give Jennifer an ovation, the ribbon was cut, and guests flowed into the new building. Ninth graders served as tour guides, speaking knowledgeably about the building's three science labs, technology center, and four classrooms. A classroom on the second floor holds a Harkness Table, a large oval table that encourages inclusion and discussion.

Architect Maryann Thompson of Maryann Thompson Architects of Cambridge, Mass., was peppered with questions about the building, which has numerous sustainability features



Three generations of the Milikowsky family gather in the new building.

including reclaimed wood from seats salvaged from the renovation of the Yale Bowl and white oak repurposed from an Amish barn in Pennsylvania. Also present was Lou Stone, owner of Chapel Construction, whose workers braved Hurricane Irene in August 2011, a freak snowstorm in October, and a heavy thunderstorm in June that knocked out electrical power to thousands. "I could not be prouder to have been involved in this project," he said. "It's an opportunity to dedicate this building to a boy I

knew since he was a baby, and it's probably the finest building I've ever been involved with."

The building allows Foote to use all campus space to its best capacity. "This building gives us room to do the things we do really well," said Head of Middle School John Turner. "I'm excited because it helps us push ourselves to the very best in teaching and learning."



Former Board President Karen Pritzker, left, with Melanie Ginter, co-chair of the building committee



Kindergartners join ninth graders to cut the ribbon on the steps of the building at the community ribbon-cutting Sun., Sept. 9.



A birds-eye view of the first-floor lobby

Reactions to the building were unanimous. "I want to go back to Foote School," said John Kebabian '69, who donated a rug from his family's New Haven rug gallery to the new building. Others who never had the opportunity to attend voiced similar sentiments. "It's a fantastic building," said Gordon Ambach, grandfather to the Illick boys, Thor (eighth grade), Cyrus (sixth grade) and Kit (fourth grade). "I'm ready to enroll."



Peter Pap '68 with the rug he has loaned to Foote for the ninth grade loft

The next day, Sun., Sept. 9, current Foote students and families attended a community ribbon-cutting. Head of School Carol Maoz, with the help of Foote's mascot, Falco (ninth grader Ian Ono-Gerow) called on ninth graders and kindergartners to step up to cut the ribbon, and the group

gathered on the new building's steps, scissors at the ready. A cheer went up as the newly cut ribbons fluttered in the air. The Jonathan Milikowsky Science and Technology Building was now formally a part of the Foote School campus.



Owner's representative Leland Torrence '68, building architect Maryann Thompson, and Lou Stone of Chapel Construction, whose company constructed the building