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### **Provident Helps Break Ground for New Student Center at Saint Peter's College**

JERSEY CITY – Saint Peter's College recently celebrated the groundbreaking of its first ever student center on Montgomery Street (between Bergen Avenue and John F. Kennedy Boulevard) with the help from The Provident Bank.

As the primary lender, Provident provided \$24.9 million in EDA bond financing for construction of the new student center. The facility is scheduled to be completed in 2013, and will ultimately span the east side of the Jersey City campus from Glenwood Avenue to Montgomery Street.



Pictured at the groundbreaking ceremony and future site of the student center are (from left) Bill Ruckert, Provident senior vice president; Don Blum, Provident's executive vice president and chief lending officer; Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D, president of Saint Peter's College; Provident Bank Chairman, President and CEO Chris Martin; Elizabeth Gorman, vice president at Provident; and Anthony V. Bastardi, chairman and CEO of Construction Technology Corporation.

**About The Provident Bank**

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