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## **Cadets move into new Academy Hall Facility at Texas A&M Galveston**

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**Galveston, TX** - The Texas A&M Maritime Academy Hall opened its doors in December of 2015, allowing midshipmen to move into their new homes on the Galveston campus. Hunt, in partnership with Texas A&M University, provided development and construction management services for design, finance, site and vertical construction. Moss & Associates, a Hunt affiliate, was the general contractor, and the building's architecture was completed by PGAL – a Houston based A&E firm. Construction of the residence hall began on June 30, 2014.

The building is comprised of six floors with a 612-midshipmen bed capacity. In addition to residence space, the building has four classrooms, various office spaces, cadet lounges, dining retail space, fully equipped laundry facilities, two 2-bedroom apartments for Residence Life staff, and a beautiful exterior Midshipmen Main Deck. The development features a design focused on the Academy and the University's need to provide midshipmen direct access to residential, leadership, and centralized gathering locations. The facility features two residential wings connected to a central commons, with adjacent features including an illuminated formation court and associated amenities offering the most modern facilities available. The commons areas includes classrooms, study lounges, flexible social spaces, staff and cadet offices, a reception area, laundry facilities, a convenience shop, and storage areas.

The innovative project will help address the need for more housing as the campus has grown from 551 students in 1987 to more than 2,300 students today.

The Texas A&M Maritime Academy is one of six maritime academies in the U.S. preparing graduates for licensing as officers in the U.S. Merchant Marine and for commissioning in the U.S. Navy.

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