Montana State University received a $25 million donation from alumnus Jake Jabs to transform its business school into one of the top programs in the country. The new 46,000 sq. ft. building is organized around a central forum and will receive LEED Gold Certification. The central forum space is designed to serve as a campus destination and gathering place — encouraging entrepreneurial interaction between students and faculty of all disciplines. This destination “hot spot” was further augmented by providing a dedicated first floor area that will be leased by an outside specialty food service vendor.

Energy saving features includes a ground source heating and cooling system that will allow hot water to be circulated through the ground in the summer, cooling the water and will allow cool water to be circulated through the ground in the winter warming the water. A solar wall on the penthouse south elevation helps the building take advantage of Bozeman’s many sunny winter days. All classrooms have a smart LED lighting system, motorized window sun shades and a state-of-the-art classroom technology system.