The Walsh Group is excited to begin construction of the Center for Allied Health Education. We have been working with Bates Technical College, State DES, Schreiber Starling Whitehead Architects and all of our design build partners who we have been with for the last year designing a building that meets the needs of each program. The input gained from the staff of Bates Technical College will allow our team to construct a building specifically tailored to the needs of the students and staff. This monthly newsletter will show you what our team has been working on for the last month.
Project Overview

The Center for Allied Health Education is replacing the West Annex. The new 62,500 SF building includes a ground level of parking underneath 3 levels of educational space. The facility will house spaces for the following technical programs, Dental Assistant, Dental Laboratory Technician, Denturist, Phlebotomy, Practical Nurse, Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant, and community health clinics. The Center for Allied Health will also include lab spaces, exam rooms, offices, and a student lounge.

Approximately 62,500 SF
3 Levels of Classrooms
92 Parking Spots
Ground Breaking

The Ground Breaking ceremony was held on Oct. 11, 2019. We would like to thank everyone that attended the event and everyone who spoke. It was an eventful kickoff to the project and featured speeches from Tacoma’s Mayor Victoria Woodards, Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges Board Member Fred Whang, and Bates Technical College President Dr. Lin Zhou. Walsh is very excited to make this vision a reality for the community of Bates Technical College.
The first step of our construction process was abatement. Abatement includes removing potentially hazardous items such as light ballasts, tile, windows, and caulking. Some of this work can be seen in the photo to the left.

The second step was soft demolition. This included removing framed walls and other non-structural portions inside the building. (As shown in the photo below.)

The final step of initial project work will be structural demolition which involves complete removal of the existing West Annex.
View of the West Annex during demolition.

Concrete slab removal in the basement.

**DEMO**

- Recycling 8,388 Tons of Concrete
- Recycling 256 Tons of CDL
- Recycling 21 Tons of Metal
Our first concrete placement occurred on Oct. 15, 2019. The location was the west retaining wall adjacent to Yakima Ave. The blocks placed are called toe weights and become a part of the retaining wall system. This allows the existing retaining wall to remain when the existing building is removed and the new building is constructed in the same footprint.

The photo below shows form work in-place with freshly placed concrete.
The next step in our early construction work was to begin backfilling along the completed concrete toe weights. This soils/gravel backfill adds mass which will remain as part of the retaining wall system along South Yakima Ave. The structural demolition will begin after the completion of the soft demolition.