This summer, Brooklyn College will begin construction on the West Quad Project. The project is being financed by state funds that have been allocated for construction purposes only. The West Quad Project, which is part of the Brooklyn College 1995 Master Plan and draws inspiration from the original 1937 architectural design of the campus, offers Brooklyn College an opportunity to substantially improve its student services, academic programs, and infrastructure. A new West Quad building will consolidate under one roof our student services—admissions, financial aid, scholarships, registration, and the bursar. The building will also house a state-of-the-art physical education and athletics facility with a swimming pool and high-diving board, competition and practice gymnasiuems, a dance studio, racquetball courts, a fitness center, and teaching and research labs.

The estimated timeline for the project is as follows:

- **Summer 2003** — Demolition of the Bedford Avenue overpass.
- **January 2004 to December 2004** — Relocation of selected departments and student clubs from Plaza Building to Roosevelt Hall, James Hall, and the Field Building.
- **January 2005** — Demolition of Plaza Building, followed by restoration of the façades of Roosevelt Hall and James Hall.
- **July 2005** — Construction of the West Quad Building begins.
- **December 2007** — Construction completed.

The project’s distinguished architect, Rafael Viñoly, has a long history of designing private and public works and has strong ties to the City University of New York. His renovation of John Jay College of Criminal Justice won him the esteemed Bard Award and the Municipal Art Society Award. He recently designed the Performing Arts Center in Philadelphia and was a finalist for the redesign of the World Trade Center site.