

Francis Cauffman

CREATING NEW JERSEY'S FUTURE

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Architecture firm Francis Cauffman – which has built its reputation as a national force for new ideas about design for office environments, healthcare, teaching, and research – has been a trusted partner to clients throughout New Jersey for many years. “We know the importance of understanding our clients’ markets and the issues they face. Our clients tell us they appreciate the level of expertise we bring to their projects,” explains James Crispino, AIA, NCARB, president.

Francis Cauffman’s New York and Philadelphia offices are the two cornerstones of its operations in New Jersey, and they facilitate the firm’s ability to stay in close contact with its clients. Francis Cauffman also maintains an office in Washington, D.C. and currently employs 130 people nationwide. Founded in 1954, the firm is building on its decades of experience with a new generation of leadership that is creating award-winning, high quality, sustainable design projects in New Jersey, the U.S., and beyond. Francis Cauffman provides comprehensive architecture, interiors, and planning services to several core markets; in New Jersey, the firm is particularly known for its creative and expert approach to projects for healthcare, biotechnology, and pharmaceutical clients.

EXPERTISE IN QUALITY HEALTHCARE DESIGN

Francis Cauffman’s healthcare group plans and designs all types of healthcare facilities for top healthcare institutions and academic medical centers – whether they want to expand, replace older facilities, build new projects, and/or consolidate. “We work closely with our clients to determine the long-term implications of their facilities decisions so they understand their value,” says Harry H. Hummel, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, principal and director of the healthcare group. “Together, we make smart strategic decisions that ultimately create better facilities.”

Francis Cauffman’s master plan for Atlantic Health’s Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown focuses on consolidation, with a 206,000-sq.-ft. addition that contains the Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute. The expansion allowed Morristown to upgrade its cardiology services, streamline its operations, and increase its capacity. Similarly, Francis Cauffman’s work for the Catholic Health East-owned St. Michael’s Medical Center in Newark adds a new campus entrance drive, main lobby, preadmissions testing, central registration, breast center and an expanded emergency department.

Francis Cauffman also works to engage local partners in healthcare-related developments. The firm recently complet-

ed the strategic facility plan for St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center in Paterson, including a new, 175,000-sq.-ft. Critical Care Building. The renovations and new additions upgrade the hospital’s services and simultaneously help revitalize the city. Francis Cauffman identified new development around the hospital, including a city operated parking garage, a new hotel and office building, a transit station, affordable housing, and a new high-rise apartment building for local residents and medical students.

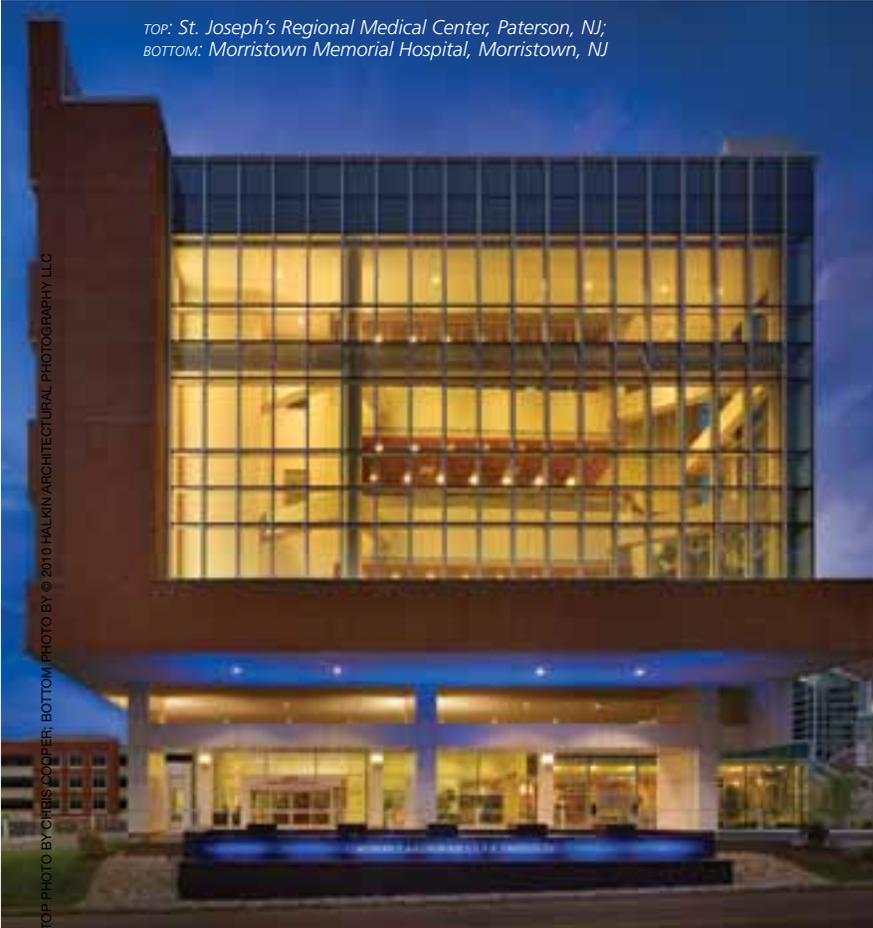


BUILDING THE FUTURE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

With 400,000 sq. ft. of science and technology facilities currently underway in New Jersey – and 1 million sq. ft. completed in the past few years – Francis Cauffman is also taking an active role in shaping the future of scientific innovation in the state. Francis Cauffman’s current projects in this sector range from pharmaceutical, biotech, chemical, and medical device research labs and manufacturing centers to corporate offices, cafeterias, and conference centers. “We work togeth-



TOP: St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson, NJ;
 BOTTOM: Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown, NJ



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er with effective solutions to their needs, leveraging our expertise to devise efficient, cost-effective research facilities and support spaces," says Mary F. Carroll, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, senior associate in the science and technology group.

Careful planning and design are key to creating safe, efficient research and manufacturing facilities that streamline workflow. For Lifecell Corporation in Branchburg, Francis Cauffman began with a facility master plan to maximize the utility of the company's existing building. The design team completed an expansion that modifies Lifecell's laboratories for greater efficiency and flexibility, as well as a renovation of the company's clean rooms, manufacturing areas, and executive offices.

Each institution has its own goals and research processes, so a thorough understanding of the industry is essential to achieving positive results. Francis Cauffman applies lessons learned from its years of experience with life sciences laboratories to create facilities that are adaptable for today's sophisticated research needs.

In Hightstown, Francis Cauffman carried out programming and space planning activities for 40,000 sq. ft. of office space and 15,000 sq. ft. of lab space for the relocation of a chemical engineering company. The project is under construction, with completion set for the spring of 2012.

In Branchburg, Francis Cauffman undertook research and design laboratory renovations and expansion work for Imclone Systems before overseeing the company's relocation to Bridgewater. When the Bridgewater site was completed in December 2010, it freed up space at the company's Branchburg location for future expansion. Recently, Francis Cauffman finished a new training center for Imclone and is now working to complete three additional projects that will further expand and rework Imclone Systems' facilities for new products.

TRUSTED PARTNERS

Francis Cauffman is proud of its role as an information resource to its clients and a source of new ideas for positive change through design. And because many of Francis Cauffman's staff members come from its client industries, they have a deep understanding of their clients' business practices. "Francis Cauffman acts like a partner with our clients," explains Crispino. "We don't just help them solve their immediate problems, but we help them to conceptualize and realize new futures for their businesses. We are committed to continuing this tradition in New Jersey and beyond." ■