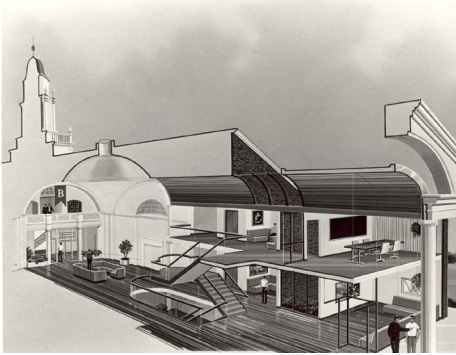


# Babson College Tomasso Hall Renovation

Wellesley, MA



## Key Project Information

Type	Renovation
Project Size:	Facade
Market Segment:	College/University

Converting an existing 1919 three-story library into an academic facility provided many challenges. The renovated building needed to act as a new campus focal point and gateway to the campus while respecting and enhancing the structure's Georgian character. The building, with its cupola and classical columns, defined the gateway for the original campus. Remodeling required turning the "active facade" of the building 180 degrees towards the new campus orientation and developing an imaginative but practical solution that respected the original architecture.

A compact 2-story addition introduced the element of classical, monumental architecture along with modern materials to emphasize the building's new face and entrance. The focus for the renovation was the large central domed space. A new high barrel vault visually connects the addition and existing building beginning at the arch of the new portico and entry pediment, and running above the completely open, new 3-story stair to the vaulting of the original dome.