

*An Innovative Town Gown Partnership:
The Ralph Walker Skating Rink Renovation*

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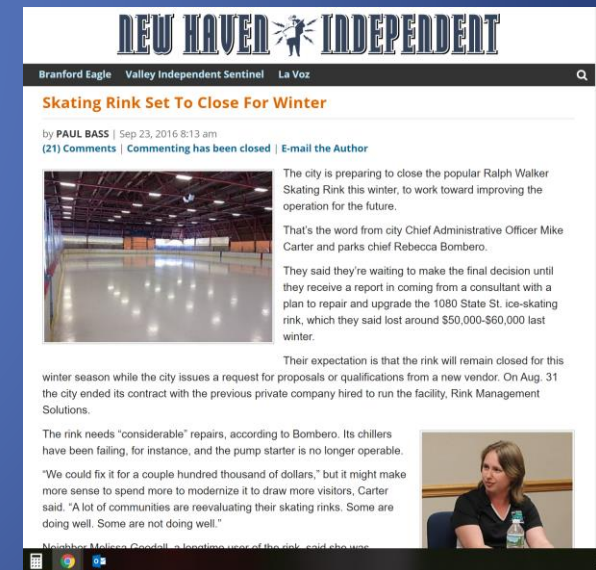
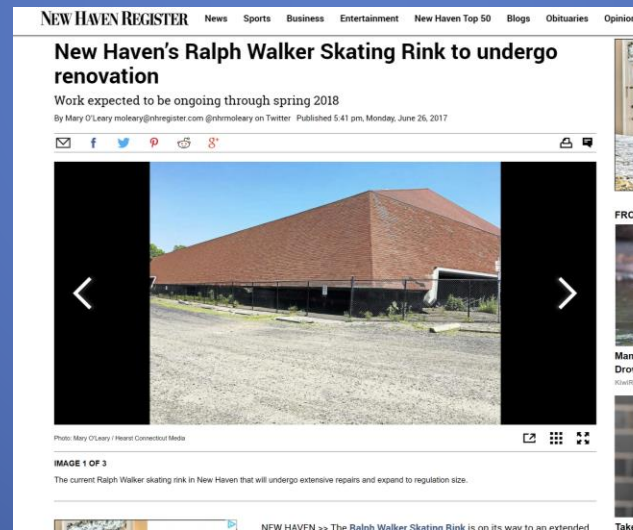
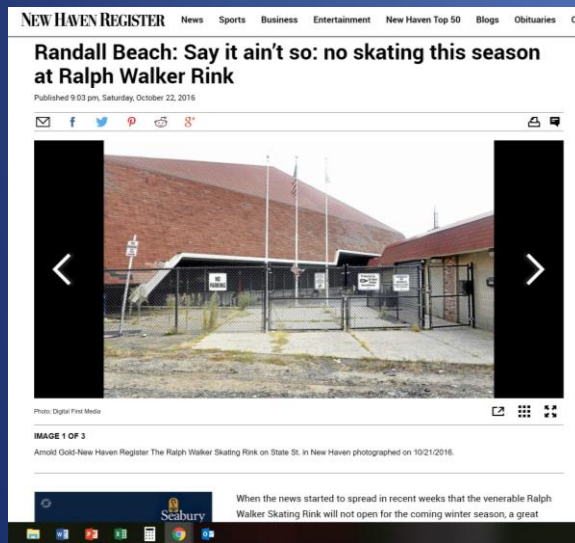


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- The Situation
 - New Haven's only city-owned arena, the Historic Ralph Walker Skating Rink (1958), in state of disrepair
 - City closes the rink; citizen outcry
 - City responds and commits to renovations



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- The Opportunity
 - Connecticut is a “hockey state”
 - Division I programs: Yale; Quinnipiac; UConn; Sacred Heart
 - Division III programs: Trinity; Conn College; Wesleyan; (Post, DII)
 - New Haven Programs: Yale & Quinnipiac, DI and sold out
 - Competitive high school hockey
 - Excess demand, limited spaces for capable college hockey players
 - Junior hockey after high school; large and expanding presence in mid-Atlantic, Northeast/New England




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- The Opportunity
 - Albertus Magnus College, founded in 1925 in “New Haven”
 - More than 90% of students come from CT
 - Catholic, Dominican mission and values call us to be civically engaged as neighbors within the greater New Haven community
 - Looking toward the future: a more vibrant Albertus means more meaningful engagement in our community
 - Enrollment growth (25-30 roster size) and enhanced school spirit




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- Partnership Announced April 4, 2018
 - Board of Alders approval, June 4, 2018



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Albertus Magnus College to Launch Varsity Hockey Team through Unique Partnership with City of New Haven

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Harp announces Albertus Magnus hockey team plan for Ralph Walker Rink

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Albertus Magnus College President Marc Camille

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Albertus Falcons To Skate At Walker Rink

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"Growing up in New England, some of my fondest athletics memories are of playing ice hockey, which I was fortunate to continue playing into college," said Camille. "The addition of a men's varsity ice hockey team builds on the excitement and spirit of Albertus Falcons athletics, and we will evaluate the potential for adding a women's




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- The Partnership:
 - City planned renovations; more than \$2.5 million
 - Albertus capital investment to upgrade quality of renovations to NCAA Division III requirements and to improve quality of locker rooms, including building a dedicated Albertus locker room and coaching space
 - Albertus provides “anchor tenant” revenue to city (ice time rentals)
 - Albertus to lead development of Learn to Skate/Youth Hockey Programs for New Haven children
 - Albertus branding on Ice, within Building, and Outside (potentially Roof-top, I-91 visible)



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- Need for bold vision and imagination

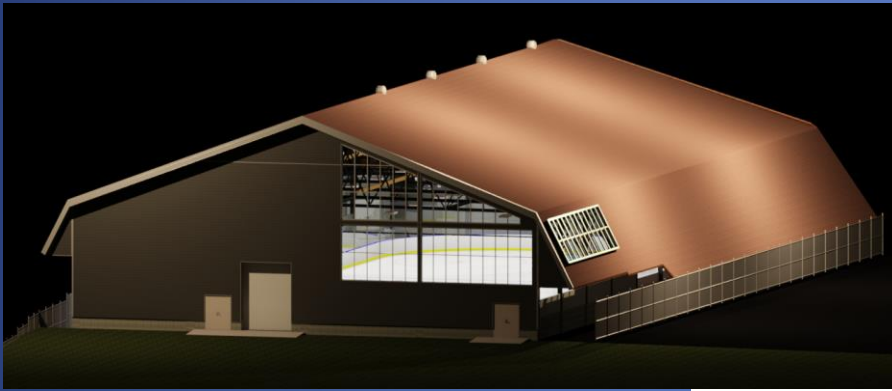


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- A look to the future



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in Connecticut**

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Albertus Magnus College has long admired the success of
Quinnipiac and Yale NCAA Division I ice hockey,
and in 2019-2020, NCAA Division III

ICE HOCKEY


is coming to
New Haven

at the historic Ralph Walker Skating Rink!



The newly renovated Ralph Walker Skating Rink will serve as the home for Albertus Magnus Falcons ice hockey.

On April 4, Albertus President Marc M. Camille, Ed.D., and New Haven Mayor Toni Harp announced a plan to bring the first Division III hockey program to the greater New Haven area, pending final approval by the Board of Alders. The partnership also will develop a new Learn to Skate/Youth Hockey program for New Haven children. Planned renovations for the Ralph Walker Skating Rink include a new warming hut, concession stands, and locker rooms for community use.



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Thank You!

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