A celebrated plan

Union marks anniversary of architect’s innovative campus design

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B ristling with 300-year-old charm, Union College was founded in 1770. The campus was designed by Joseph Ramone, an architect who had moved to the United States from France. Ramone’s design was innovative for its time, incorporating elements of French Baroque and American Federal styles. The campus was constructed between 1770 and 1820, with the majority of the buildings being completed by 1810.

Ramone’s design was carefully planned to incorporate the natural landscape of the area. The campus was laid out in a grid-like pattern, with the main building located at the center of the grid. This central building, known as the Old College, served as the hub of the campus and was the site of the commencement ceremony and other important events.

In 1870, the college expanded its facilities with the construction of several new buildings, including the new library and chapel. These new buildings were constructed in a Victorian Gothic style, with large windows and ornate details.

In the 20th century, the college continued to grow and expand, with several new buildings being constructed, including the science building and the art museum.

In the 21st century, the college is continuing to evolve and adapt to the changing needs of its students. The campus is a living example of how an innovative architect’s design can shape the future of a community.

The campus is a haven for students and faculty, providing a place of learning and growth. The buildings are well-maintained and offer a range of services and facilities, including a library, art museum, and science laboratories.

Although designed by Joseph Ramone, the campus was expanded and modified over time, incorporating new elements and styles. The campus is a testament to the creativity and vision of its designers and continues to inspire those who visit.

The campus is open to the public, and visitors are encouraged to explore its many features and enjoy the beauty of its architecture. Whether you are a student, faculty member, or simply a visitor, the Union College campus is a place of wonder and inspiration.

For more information about the history of Union College, visit the college’s website or contact its administration.

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