

## CIA to broaden its horizons

School hopes to open new center by end of year

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**HYDE PARK** — Health and wellness. Food sustainability and ethics. Professional excellence and innovation. World flavors.

The Culinary Institute of America's \$19 million Marriott Pavilion is just a foundation and steel beams for now, but the school hopes to complete its multi-use facility by December or January, said CIA spokesman Stephan Hengst.

The building will hold a conference center, 800-seat theater, seminar rooms and a state-of-the-art demonstration kitchen, where the school plans to host leadership conferences on pressing food-related issues of the day, Hengst said.

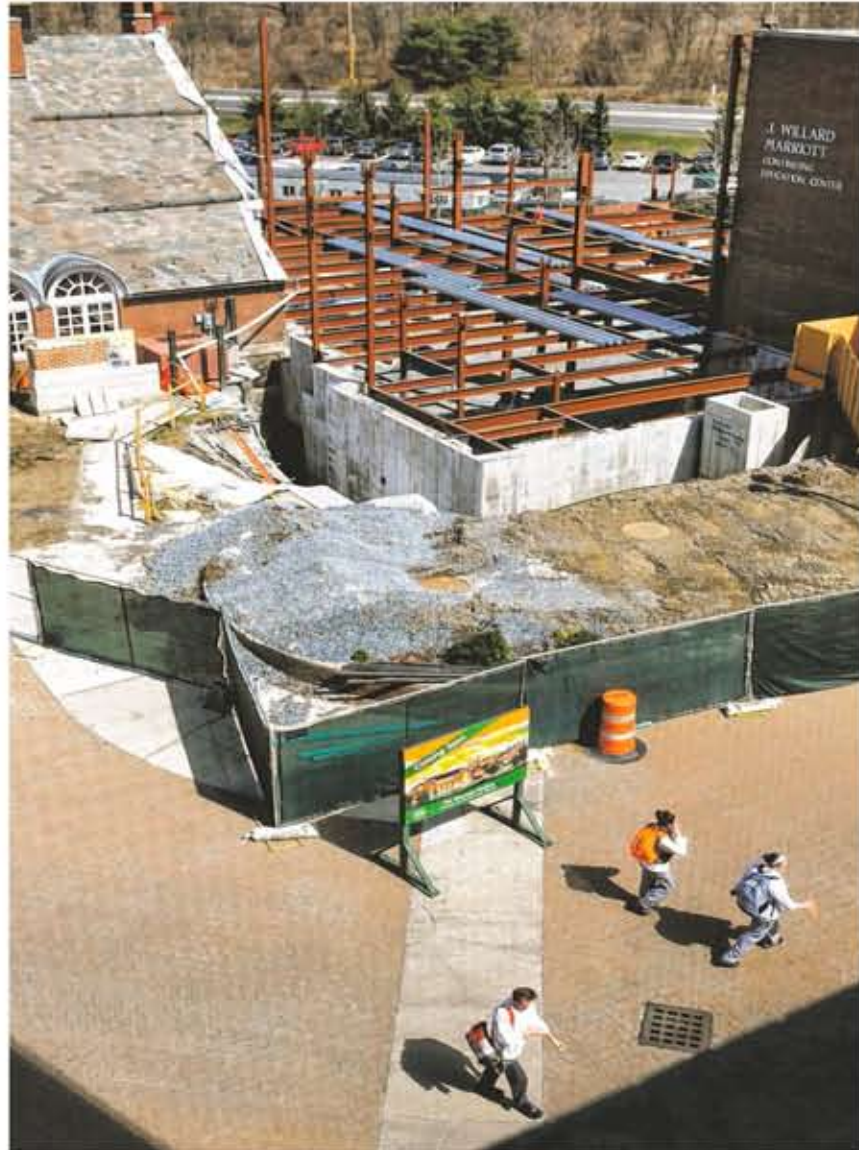
"It's coming along well," he said.

The CIA holds a rotating series of conferences at its St. Helena, Calif., and San Antonio campuses, but the flagship Hyde Park school doesn't have facilities for 500 or 600 people, Hengst said.

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A sign by the construction site shows an artist's rendering of The Marriott Pavilion.  
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The Marriott Pavilion at the Culinary Institute of America is being built in Hyde Park.

**VIDEO**

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"The facility will give us the flexibility to bring many of the thought leadership conferences back to the East Coast," he said. "Greystone (in St. Helena) opened in 1995. San Antonio opened 2010. As those buildings were developed, we built in space to accommodate conferences and large-scale events."

The CIA was founded in 1946 in New Haven, Conn.

It moved to Hyde Park in 1972. The Hyde Park campus was a former Jesuit seminary, built in 1899, Hengst said.

Hyde Park Supervisor Aileen Rohr said she is eager for any influx of jobs and tourism, which



she believes the conference center will bring to the town.

"I do think they will be employing more people," she said. "I'm excited to see new tourism come to our town. I think the culinary has a world-class

reputation."

The town supervisor said traffic should not be an issue, because Route 9 is four lanes at that location.

The pavilion is named after the J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Founda-

tion, which provided a \$5 million naming gift to the school, the CIA said in a written release.

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Phil Spagnoli, owner of M and S Ironworks, works at the site of the Marriott Pavilion at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park.  
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