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Greater Lowell donates Rowdy statue to UML

TYNGSBORO — A stainless-steel statue of Rowdy the River Hawk that took four years for **Greater Lowell Tech**nical High School students to build found a home recently at the Tsongas Arena at UMass Lowell.

Students and instructors at **Greater Lowell Tech** designed and fabricated the 11-foot-tall statue of Rowdy, UMass Lowell's mascot. The sculpture was built entirely by students as a team effort. Metal Fabrication and Joining Technology students from the classes of 2010 through 2015 worked on the sculpture, covering 131 parts of the Massachusetts Vocational Curriculum for Metal Fabrication and Joining Technology.

Greater Lowell Tech donated the statue to the arena after the idea originated with Residence Life staff several years ago.

A rigging crew, consisting of many graduates of either **Greater Lowell Tech** or UMass Lowell or both, was contracted to help move the statue, which breaks down into four pieces, from Greater Lowell Tech to the Tsongas.

The statue of Rowdy will stay at the arena until an exterior site is selected and prepared.



An 11-foot-tall statue of Rowdy the River Hawk — built over four years by students in **Greater Lowell Tech**'s Metal Fabrication and Joining Technology program — sits inside the Tsongas Arena.

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