



This 800-bed dormitory is one of three major dormitory and classroom projects designed by the firm on this campus over the last 4 years.

This new dormitory creates a new campus gateway and promotes positive patterns for future campus development. Based on a mixed use model, the design includes approximately 800 beds on six stories, several community rooms, study spaces and computer labs on each floor, and provides university use spaces at ground level. This development defines the western edge of the campus, and upholds and expands upon the architectural traditions of the campus while having its own distinguishable character.

Besides the spaces contained within the buildings, the buildings themselves shape a series of courtyard spaces culminating in a central plaza envisioned to become a hub of campus activities. A strong north-south axial "processional" corridor links the new dormitories to the stadium, and the large terraced green space behind the dormitory provides opportunities for student interaction and campus events. The relationship of the dorm to the stadium is reinforced by a special "Game Day Lounge" on the fourth floor that overlooks the central plaza toward the football stadium and provides space for student gatherings. Strong pedestrian connections now link the new dormitory to the main campus, with circulation paths that begin to transform the emphasis from vehicular to pedestrian traffic.

The dorm rooms are single occupied rooms with two bedrooms sharing a bathroom space. Construction consists of a precast concrete floor system bearing on structural steel and concrete masonry walls, with an architectural brick veneer and cast stone system that complements the surrounding buildings.

As the first new residence hall built on this campus in more than 17 years, the dormitory is part of the University's long-term plan to transform and elevate services for students, and to create a sense of community.