

COLLECTING THE PIECES, CREATING THE WHOLE

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The Kanbar Campus Center, Philadelphia, PA

Commanding the University's redesigned main campus, the Kanbar Campus Center is a catalyst for building community and fostering both social and intellectual engagement. Its open design, with a wall of windows, captures the natural setting and makes events within visible from much of the campus. In addition to providing facilities for students to eat, meet and connect with friends, the Center is a hub for recreation, academic support, and residential life. Here, students can relax by the fireplace in the living room and read, showcase their talents at the performance space, play pool in the second-floor coffee bar, Ted's Barista, or eat at The Common Thread café. The Center also incorporates a range of student amenities, including the campus bookstore, post office, and a convenience store, and has wireless capability throughout. By including offices for a range of student programs, counseling and community services. The Center has become the heart of student life on campus.

Project Specifications:

Project Type: New Construction

Program: Student Life

Square Footage: 75,000

Construction Cost: \$17,000,000

Completion Date: 2006

Key Design Features:

Open views to campus <

Integrated campus services <

High-performance event space <

Natural surroundings <



"It has been amazing to see what a difference a campus center can make. The effects this building has had on the university community continue to impress even a skeptic like me".

-A Junior at Philadelphia University

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Philadelphia University, The Kanbar Campus Center, Philadelphia, PA

About the University:

Philadelphia University (www.philau.edu) is a private institution of higher learning. Recognized as a leader in architecture, design, engineering, business, textiles, and health and science, its curriculum encompasses a liberal studies foundation with professional education in six schools: architecture, business administration, design and media, engineering and textiles, liberal arts, and science and health. The University offers more than 50 areas of study in bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs. Its 2,707 full- and part-time undergraduate students and 486 graduate students are drawn from 38 states and 42 countries. The University's 100-acre campus houses 52 buildings. Its latest additions – The Kanbar Campus Center and new Athletic and Recreation Center – have transformed the main campus, with a dramatic impact on the University's academic and social environment. Founded in 1884 as Philadelphia Textile School by a group of textile manufacturers, it changed its name to Philadelphia Textile Institute in 1941 and in 1961 became known as Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science. It was awarded university status in 1999.

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About the Architects:

Shepley Bulfinch Richardson & Abbott (www.sbra.com) is a national architecture, planning and interior design practice serving the education, science, healthcare, and civic markets worldwide from our headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts. Shepley Bulfinch has designed campus life facilities for a wide range of academic clients. In addition to the Kanbar Center, the firm's projects include Hansen Student Center at Illinois Wesleyan University (winner of the 2005 ACUI Facility Design Award of Excellence); Evans Dining Hall at Agnes Scott College; Farinon College Center, Lafayette College; Ruth Stricker Dayton Campus Center, Macalester College; Cornell Campus Center, Rollins College; and the Campus Center at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Shepley Bulfinch is a recipient of the American Institute of Architecture (AIA)'s prestigious Architecture Firm of the Year. A member of the US Green Buildings Council since 2001, the firm recently won LEED Silver certification (Corporate Interiors) for its offices.

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Kanbar Center student services:

- Residential life
- Dean of Students
- Students activities
- Student development
- International student programs
- Academic achievement
- Disability services
- Study abroad
- Co-op program
- Counseling services
- Career services
- Student government offices
- Student organizations work space

Campus amenities:

- Post office
- Copy center
- Campus store
- Emporium
- Adjacent parking

Kanbar Center program venues:

- Living room: 1,100 sf, 30 seats
- Ted's Barista: 4,000 sf, 120 seats plus pool tables
- The Common Thread Dining Area: 2,700 sf, 160 tables
- Private Dining Room: 450 sf, 18 seats
- High-Performance Event Space: 2,250 sf
 - 192 seats for performances
 - 120 seats for banquets
- Upper Level Meeting Rooms
 - Presentation room: 370 sf, 24 lecture seats
 - Two meeting rooms: 315 sf each, 18 seats each
 - Meeting room: 430 sf, 16 seats