

# Student Living

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**INTERIOR DESIGN**

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**SUSTAINABILITY**

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**BRANDING**

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Community

Collegiate

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Healthcare

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## Student-focused housing has a proven impact on grades and social development.

The benefits of student-focused housing are clear and now, more than ever, colleges and private developers are investing in dynamic residence halls that foster vibrant communities and promote student success. Campus housing has the unique ability to balance improved social and academic performance with the institution's need for differentiation. Understanding that the needs of the students and the needs of the university and developer are different, but not mutually exclusive, is the key to achieving that balance. At Kirksey, we believe that building strong communities within student housing starts with collaborative and innovative design.

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# OUR STUDENT LIVING PROJECTS

Baylor University Collins Hall Renovation / Waco, Texas / 570 beds

Baylor University Memorial & Alexander Halls Renovation / Waco, Texas / 310 beds

Baylor University Allen and Dawson Halls Renovation / Waco, Texas / 258 beds

Blinn College Mill Creek Apartments / Brenham, Texas / 458 beds

Blinn College Prairie Lea Apartments / Brenham, Texas / 490 beds

Blinn College Wheeler Residence Hall / Brenham, Texas / 352 beds

Houston Baptist University Rebecca Bates Philips Residence College for Women / Houston, Texas / 104 beds

Nueces House Apartments | The Quarters on Campus / Austin, Texas / 235 beds

Rice University Wiess Residential College / Houston, Texas / 230 beds

Rice University Sid Richardson Residential College / Houston, Texas / 325 beds

Rice University Hanszen College Residential College Addition (Mass Timber) / Houston, Texas / 165 beds

Sam Houston State University Lone Star Hall / Huntsville, Texas / 306 beds

Southwestern University Residence Halls & Welcome Center / Georgetown, Texas / 316 beds

Stephen F. Austin State University Lumberjack Landing and Parking Garage / Nacogdoches, Texas / 400 beds, 1,000 cars

Stephen F. Austin State University New Residence Hall / Nacogdoches, Texas / 400 beds

Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets Halls and Living Learning Centers Renovation and Expansion / College Station / 1,980 beds

Texas A&M University Innovation Plaza Life Tower (Student Apartments) / Houston, Texas / 714 beds

Texas A&M University The Gardens Apartments / College Station, Texas / 432 beds

Texas A&M University Davis-Gary Hall Renovation / College Station, Texas / n/a

Texas State University Chautauqua Hall and Guilardia Hall / San Marcos, Texas / 612 beds

University of Central Arkansas Bear Hall / Conway, Arkansas / 400 beds

University of Houston / Residence Hall Program / 1,000 beds

University of Houston University Lofts / Houston, Texas / 983 beds

University of North Texas, Freshman Residence Hall / Denton, Texas / Program for 1,000 beds

University of St. Thomas Guinan Hall and Mixed-Use Garage / Houston, Texas / 300 beds, 850 cars

The University of Texas at Austin Graduate Student Housing Complex / Austin, Texas / 750 beds

The University of Texas at Austin Creekside Residence Hall (programming & concepts) / Austin, Texas / 1,200 beds

The University of Texas Health Science Center Student Apartments / Houston, Texas / 350 beds

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (formerly UT Permian Basin) Unity Hall / Edinburg, Texas / 400 beds

The University of Texas San Antonio Alvarez Hall (formerly San Saba Hall) / San Antonio, Texas / 618 beds



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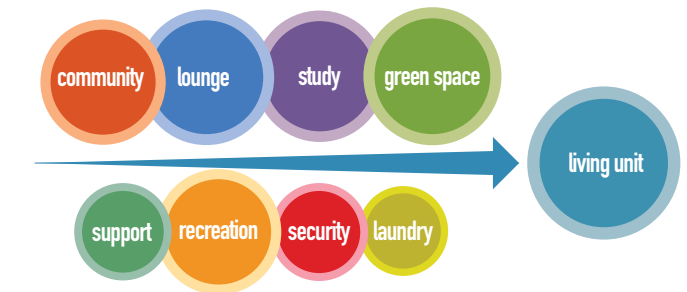
## Path-of-Travel Planning.

When programming and designing student housing facilities, Kirksey prefers the path-of-travel philosophy over the destination point planning approach. In buildings that have been planned with “path of travel” in mind, students must pass through social and amenity spaces to reach their individual rooms. This concept casually forces students to interact in communal, open spaces rather than just retreating to their rooms. In contrast, destination-point planning means amenity spaces are treated as a destination - possibly separated from circulation spaces with a door. Creating an engaging path-of-travel for students alleviates social anxiety and conveys a message that everyone is welcome.

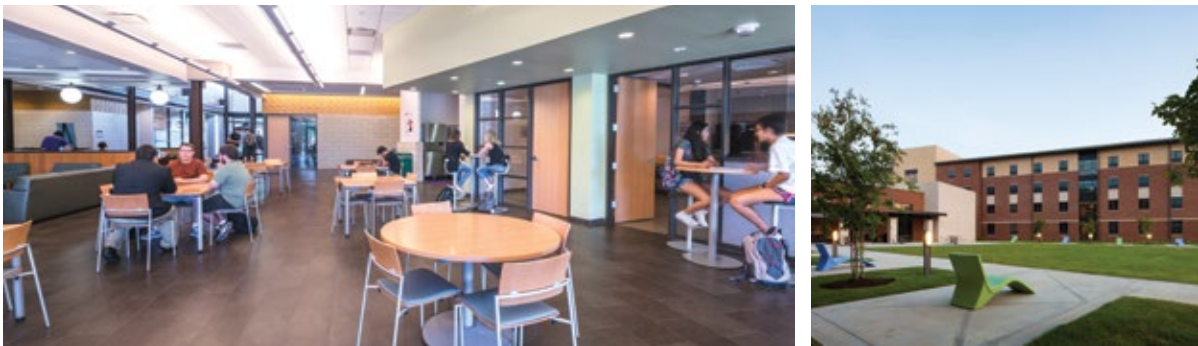
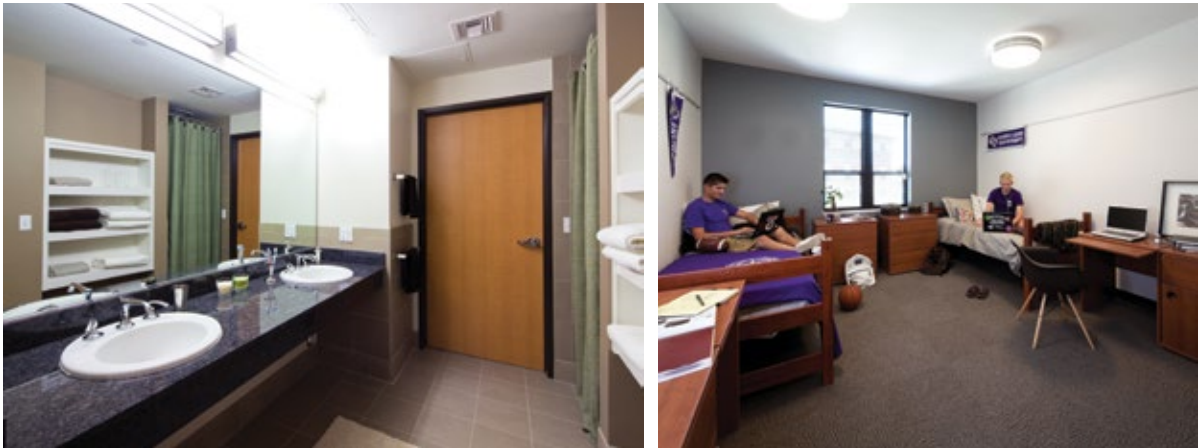


The Destination Point plan leads to separation and isolation. Students retreat to their rooms with little or no interaction with peers.

Our approach encourages social interaction and engagement

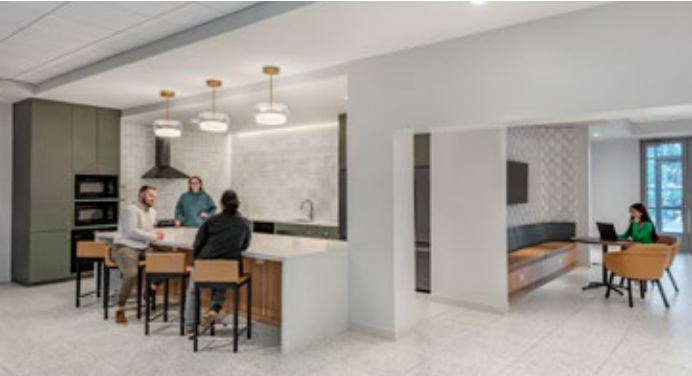


The **Path-of-Travel** plan promotes interaction. Students must pass through social spaces to reach their rooms.



STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY, LUMBERJACK LANDING -  
FRESHMAN RESIDENCE HALL & PARKING GARAGE  
Nacogdoches, Texas

400 beds

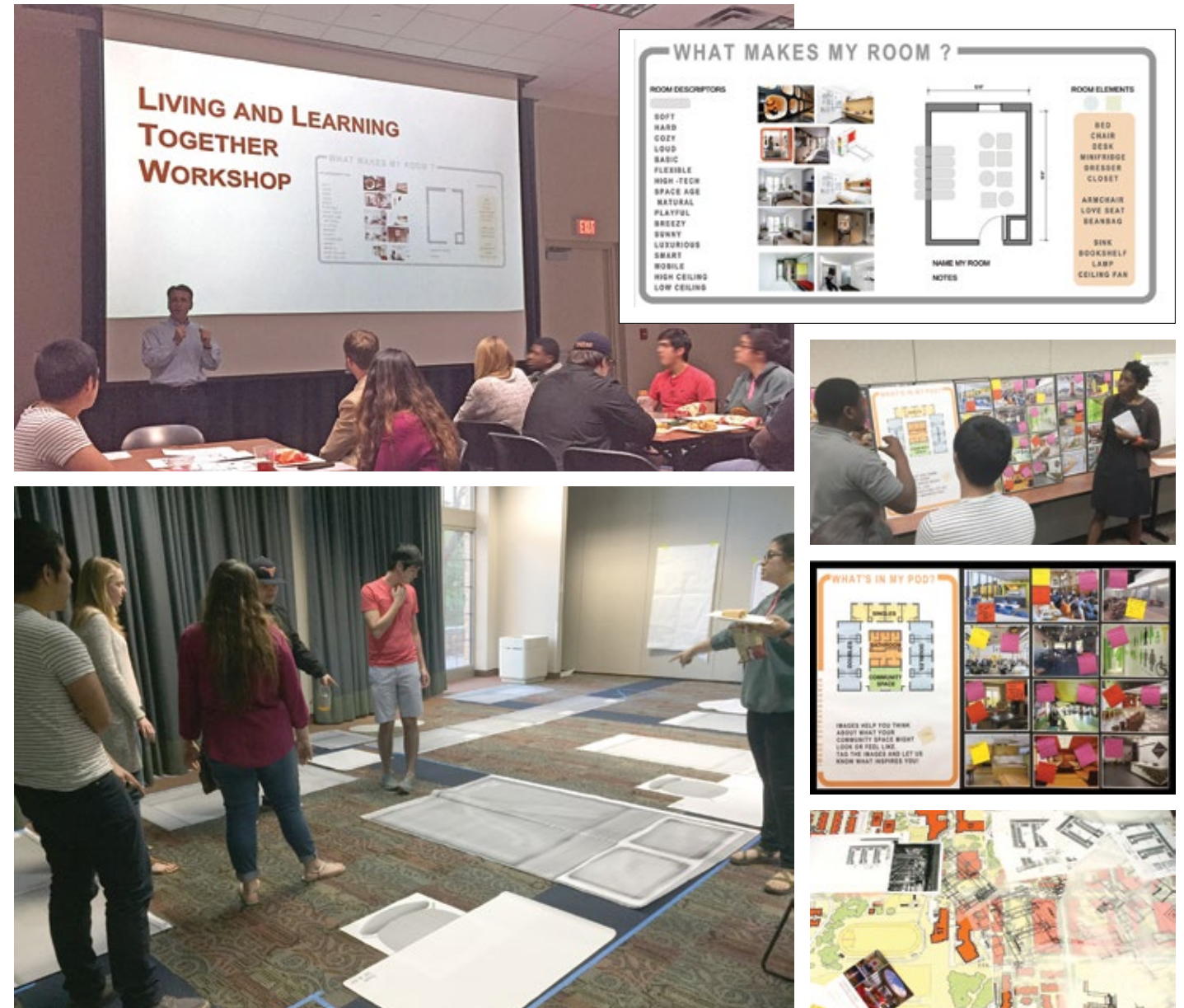


**BAYLOR UNIVERSITY COLLINS HALL RENOVATION**  
Waco, Texas

570 beds

## Programming and planning go hand-in-hand.

With the benefit of experience and input from clients, students, and staff, our team's programming process considers all aspects of the facility: from the needs of students and the goals of the client to the budget, scope, and site.



## Student Expectations and University Requirements.

**Kirksey's design process addresses both.**

Students today expect a sustainable, tech-savvy environment with resort-style amenities, but need a place that is safe, inclusive, and conducive to an academic setting.

Universities want a campus asset that is flexible, durable, profitable, efficient to operate, aids in recruitment, and results in well-adjusted students.

How can a housing facility encompass all of those characteristics? The answer: careful planning, thoughtful programming, efficient building design, and collaboration.



## Undergraduate and Graduate Students.

**Unique student groups have specific needs.**

Whether a student is a new freshman or an advancing upperclassman, housing can be tailored to fit their needs. For most undergraduate students, student housing is their first foray into independence. As such, they want a place where they can feel at home and still test their freedom. Thoughtful design and programming can facilitate social engagement

and help students be part of a community. Building relationships can, in turn, help an undergrad develop confidence, learn new skills, grow academically, and be introduced to new viewpoints and cultures.

Graduate and Professional students may differ from their younger counterparts, but the overwhelming similarity they share is a need for community. Most graduate students prefer to be housed near other graduate students, where they can find solitude when necessary but still be amongst academically like-minded people. Additionally, universities would like to see their graduate and professional students leave their institutions as dedicated alumni. Introducing the local culture through grocers, coffee shops, or pubs, is an effective way to build loyalty and create a sense of home.

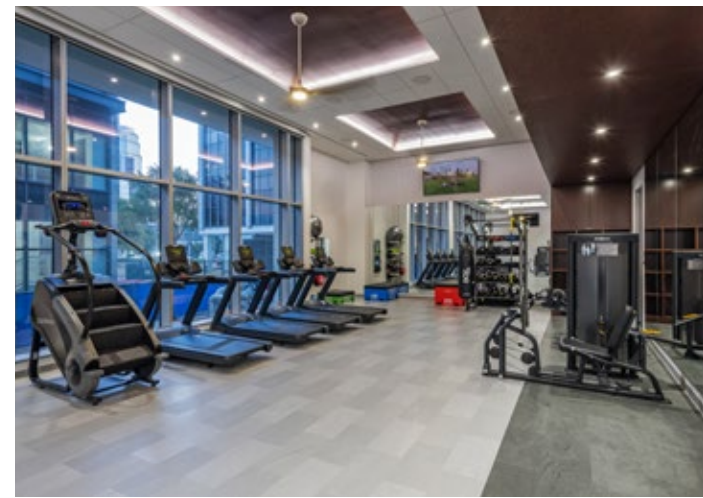




UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, UNIVERSITY LOFTS GRADUATE HOUSING  
Houston, Texas

984 beds





TEXAS A&M INNOVATION PLAZA, LIFE TOWER  
Houston, Texas

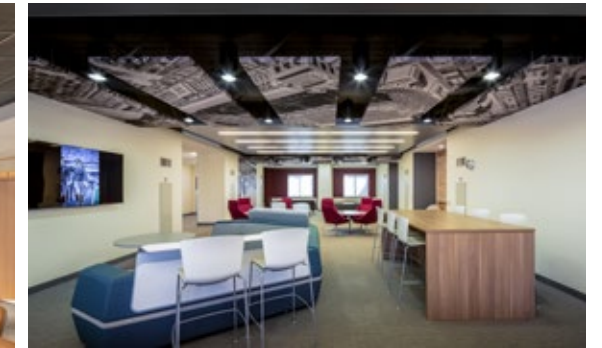
714 beds / P3 Development

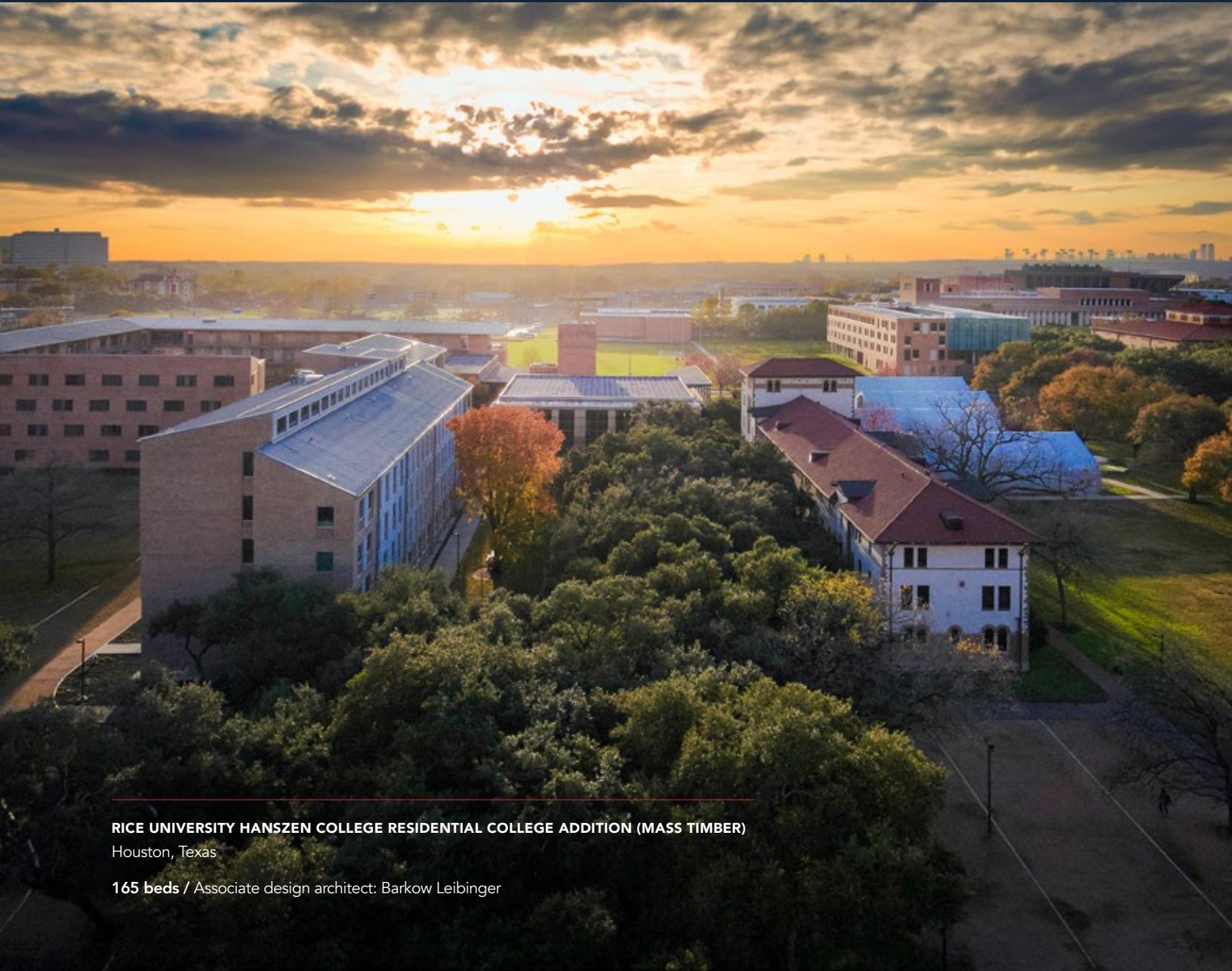
Foster social and academic success.



## Living Learning Centers.

Most universities would agree that a residence hall can act as a social nexus on campus, but must offer more to attract prospective students. Programming a housing facility as a “Living Learning Environment” gives students a place to live, study, and socialize. Integrating classrooms and curriculum into undergraduate residence halls has become the norm rather than the exception. Modern campuses are incorporating Freshman Success Centers and/or Living Learning Centers in addition to residence halls, allowing students to interact socially with their peers while finding guidance from an academic advisor or housing staff.





**RICE UNIVERSITY HANSEN COLLEGE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE ADDITION (MASS TIMBER)**

Houston, Texas

165 beds / Associate design architect: Barkow Leibinger





RICE UNIVERSITY SID RICHARDSON RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE  
Houston, Texas

325 beds / Associate design architect: Barkow Leibinger

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, CORPS OF CADETS HALLS  
RENOVATION & NEW LIVING LEARNING CENTERS

College Station, Texas

1980 beds

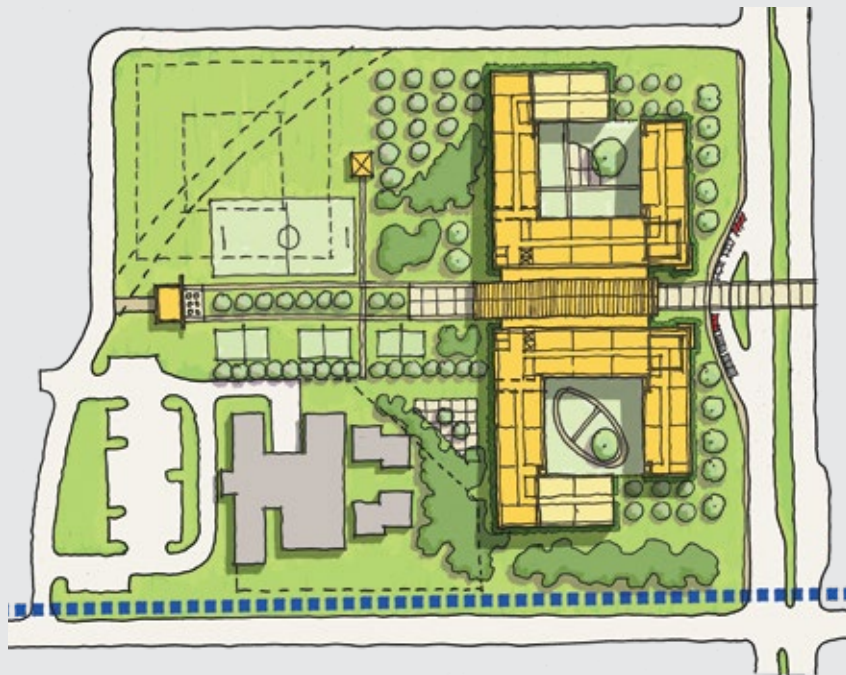


Student Housing Business, Innovator Award for Renovation



Living styles.

Create the right layout for your students



Neighborhood



SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY, LONE STAR HALL  
Huntsville, Texas

306 beds



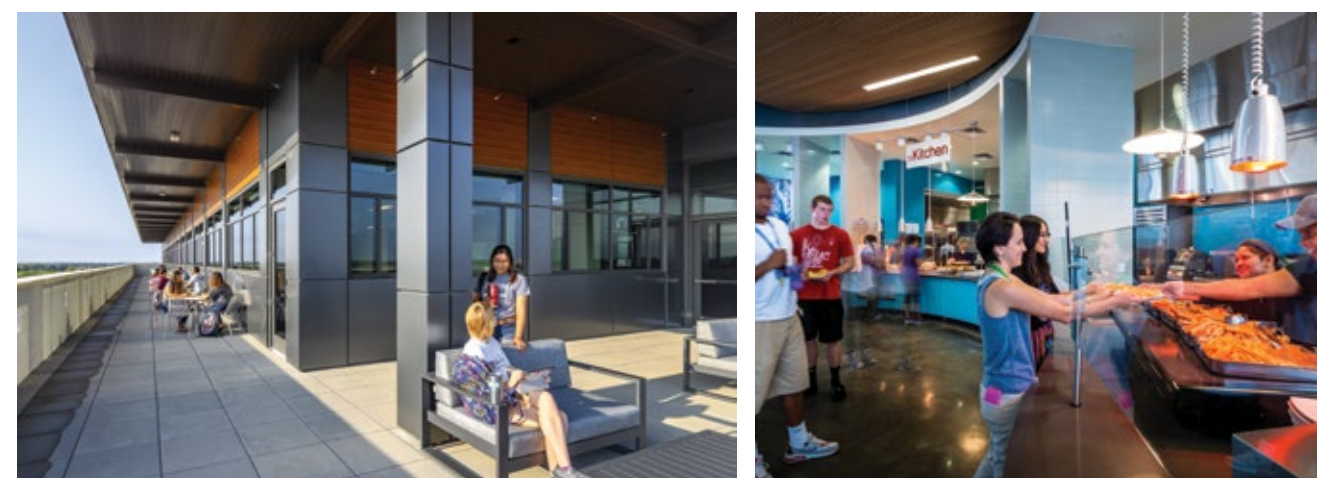
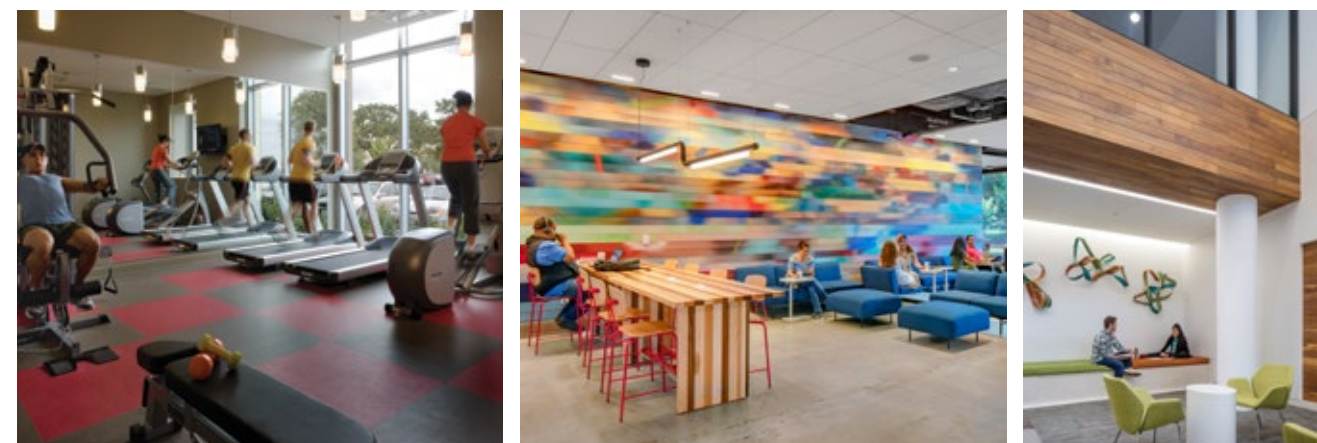


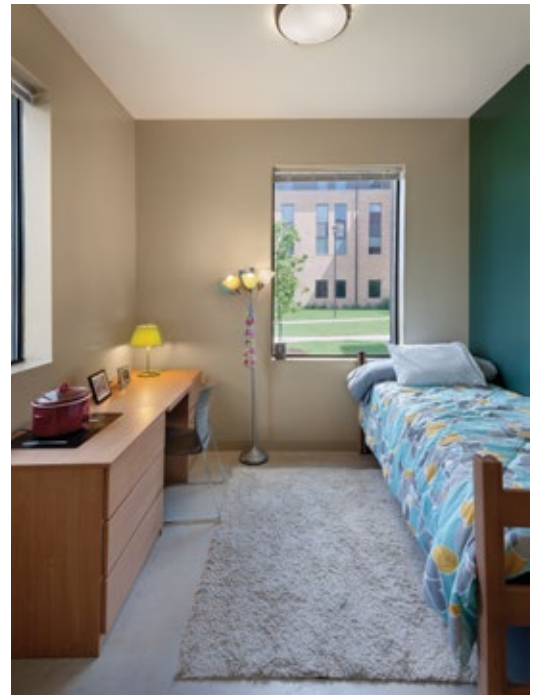
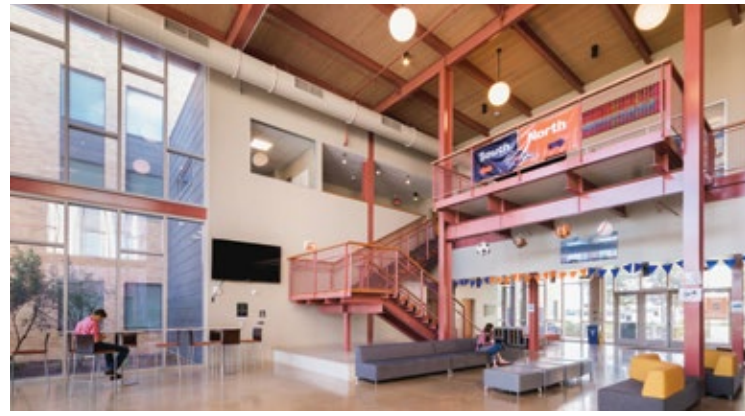
Create a place where students can develop skills and relationships.



## Amenity/Social Spaces.

Shared amenities and social spaces are key to encouraging the development of students. These spaces allow students to interact in a casual, comfortable environment and foster connection with their peers. Amenities and well-planned and programmed social areas can be a significant differentiator and recruiting draw for universities. When integrated into the living environment, multi-purpose, dining, laundry, and outdoor spaces work together to round out the housing facility and create a place for students to see and be seen.





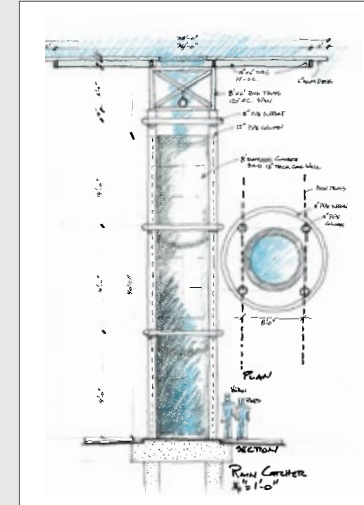
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO, ALVAREZ HALL  
San Antonio, Texas

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY, CHAUTAUQUA HALL AND GUILARDIA HALL  
San Marcos, Texas

612 beds



## Sustainability

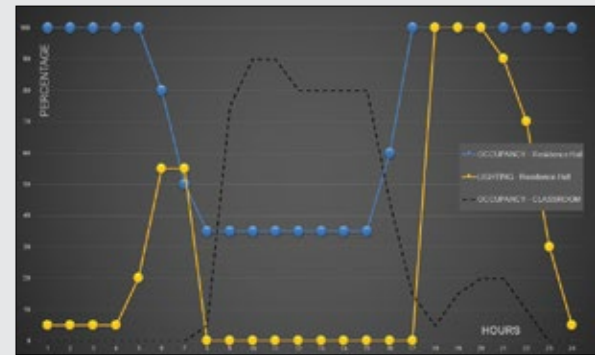
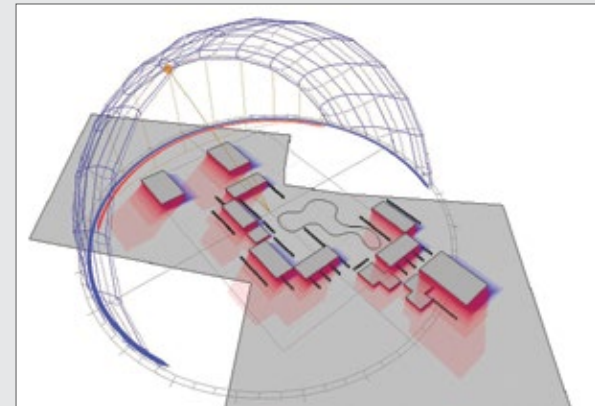


The majority of students today seek to incorporate principles of sustainability into their college experience— both in lifestyle and curriculum. Princeton Review has found that **over 60% of students are influenced by environmental concerns in their selection of a college or university.** This awareness has students expecting to live in spaces that meet high sustainability standards.

Such spaces provide benefits to students' health, the planet's wellbeing, and a university's bottom line through reduced energy use and operating costs. At Kirksey, we rigorously analyze every aspect of a residence hall's performance. We understand the unique occupancy loads affecting residence halls, and we design to maximize student wellbeing and comfort as well as energy and resource efficiency.

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	Floor area / bed
	Wall area / bed
	Roof as a % of envelope area
	Energy Use / bed



150+ projects  
on 40+ campuses



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