

Connecting Student Life

Bowie, MD

Project Name / Location

Bowie State University Student Center / Bowie, MD

Project Category

Institutional Architecture

Program

95,000 sf, 3-story, student center.

Project Synopsis

Site

- Extensive site improvements integrate the new Student Union into the campus fabric, and provide outdoor assembly / social gathering spaces.

- The final design symbolizes a new campus gateway from the south.

Solution

- The new 95,000 sf facility is designed to enhance the student experience on campus with a series of dynamic, student-centric spaces in a transparent and open design.

Key Design Features

- Dynamic spaces for students to gather, work, eat, relax and play include: Retail and meal-plan dining; bookstore; game room; movie theater; conference center; lounge space

- Diverse outdoor areas provide a variety of experiences to encourage interaction with the surrounding landscape and campus community.

- Glass used throughout the interior and building envelope provides vertical openness, transparency, and connections to student activities, the landscape, and campus beyond. From outside the building, the expansive glazing showcases the activities and community within, inviting students to enter, participate and engage.

Social / Environmental / Other Benefits

- The design provides a strong sense of place, orientation and belonging.
- BSU students have developed a deep sense of ownership for the new Student Center – derived from their involvement in shaping the project vision.
- As the first LEED® certified building on campus, the design reinforces BSU's commitment to sustainability.



Campus Entrance



Expansive glazing activates the facade showcasing the activities and community within.

Student-Centric Spaces

The Student Center includes the university bookstore, ballroom, conference center, meeting rooms and game room on the ground floor. Dining and lounge space is located on the second floor. Occupants can also access conference rooms, a career center, and student organization offices on the third floor.



Views to dining area.



Student government spaces overlook two-story dining areas with expansive views of the campus beyond.



Student group and lounge spaces.

Common Areas

Open lounge spaces and a monumental stair provide an inviting connection between three levels of dynamic student-centric programs.



Open lounge space with monumental stair.

