Be part of the
EVER-CHANGING
MOSAIC OF
OUR CAMPUS
COMMUNITY
Opening in 2025, the new Hopkins Student Center will provide spaces, amenities, and opportunities for students who want to socialize, connect, create, and relax.

Located at the intersection of North Charles and 33rd Streets, the Hopkins Student Center is designed to be a welcoming environment for all Hopkins students while also extending an invitation to the community through events and programs.

Along with the signature “living room” space, the building will feature a food hall with a variety of local vendors and dining options. Student resource centers, support services, and flexible meeting rooms for the university’s more than 400 student organizations ensure this new space will amplify our impact.

From studio spaces and sound-treated practice and recording rooms to a gaming lounge and hangout spots, the center meets a need expressed by generations of Hopkins students: a place of their own.

This incredible facility will offer a welcoming, social gathering and community space unlike anything seen before at Johns Hopkins.

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Vice Provost for Student Affairs
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The Architect

Rockwell Group

Based in New York with offices in Los Angeles, Barcelona, and Madrid, Rockwell Group is a cross-disciplinary architecture and design firm that specializes in the design of interactive spaces and experiences for some of the world’s leading brands. They design environments across the globe that use performance, technology, and design to delight, inform, and empower. Rockwell Group’s work includes unique narrative for each project, ranging from hotels and restaurants, cultural and educational institutions, urban planning, and product designers, researchers, and inventors. Rockwell Group’s work in the future across several industries and disciplines, including community, education, science, and healthcare. They design beyond what is expected.

Shepley Bulfinch

For over 150 years, Shepley Bulfinch has countered conventional wisdom and mixed conventional ingredients with innovation and thought leadership. Founded in Boston in 1855, the firm merges performance and architecture to create extraordinary experiences and built environments across the globe. Shepley Bulfinch’s projects range from hotels and restaurants, cultural and educational institutions, urban planning, and product designers, researchers, and inventors. Shepley Bulfinch’s work in the future across several industries and disciplines, including community, education, science, and healthcare. Shepley Bulfinch’s projects range from hotels and restaurants, cultural and educational institutions, urban planning, and product designers, researchers, and inventors. They design beyond what is expected.

BIG is a Copenhagen, New York, London, and Barcelona-based group of architects, designers, urbanists, landscape professionals, interior and product designers, researchers, and inventors. BIG is the architects' answer to a range of challenges, from the contemporary urban condition and the evolving city to the education and working landscape of the future. BIG’s work is based on a careful analysis of how architecture can engage the public realm.

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THE OPPORTUNITY

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College of Engineering, Room 362

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The Hopkins Student Center is conceived as a central living room—a dynamic hub—surrounded by a collection of spaces tailored to the needs of the Hopkins community. The building negotiates the sloping grade of the site to allow direct entry to all four levels of the building while maintaining a human scale, providing several accessible routes across the site. Arriving on Charles Street, students and visitors are greeted by an open building facade with dining areas spilling out onto an adjacent plaza.

The design transforms the landscape around the building to create outdoor spaces for student activities and events. A central plaza can host pop-up exhibits or performances and vendors and food trucks to enliven the Charles Street corridor.
The Process
Inclusive and informed
Johns Hopkins conducted a worldwide design competition for this project, which was complemented by a robust university-wide engagement effort that involved open forums, focus groups, targeted student group outreach, and an advisory council.
More than 1,200 students, faculty, staff, and alumni responded to a survey inviting evaluation of the four design finalists, and the BIG design proposal generated the most enthusiasm and highest ratings from the survey respondents. Students continue to play a key role in the development of the project, including most recently a preview and feedback opportunity for furniture and finishes.

The Design
Echoing the past, pointing toward the future...
The modern design plan is a departure from the traditional Georgian architecture of the Hopkins campus, and that is by design. It has echoes of its surroundings (e.g., in shape and scale, it mimics The Beach to the north), but it is intended to be a unique new focal point for campus activity. It also creates a dynamic point of connection between the campus and Charles Village.

Fostering innovation, connectivity, and inclusivity across Johns Hopkins.

GATHERING SPACES
A true village of student life, the Hopkins Student Center is comprised of an array of spaces, including art studios, a music rehearsal room, a state-of-the-art performance space, and a student engagement hub.

CAMPUS LIVING ROOM
All spaces connect back to the Living Room, an inclusive melting pot for student life and a crossroads for campus connectivity.
New spaces to create stronger communities and make a greater impact on the world.

The building is sited to align with the historic Merrick Barn next door and improve site connectivity for greater pedestrian flow.

**ENTRY PLAZA**
A campus front porch that leverages the Grove topography and looks over 33rd St. into Charles Village.

**THE GROVE**
Creating accessible pathways that meander around historic trees to create intimate student experiences.

**THE COMMONS**
An events-focused Commons that can support outdoor campus activities.

**CHARLES STREET PLAZA**
An urban experience that allows for outdoor dining, open to Charles St. and the community.
From a chance encounter on the stairs to a scribbled note on a coffee shop napkin, small insights and passing ideas have the potential to develop into great discoveries.
Living Room and Collective

Spanning four floors, this inviting, light-filled space offers students countless comfortable seating areas.

4 converging campus arteries
130 seat lounging area
36 meeting nooks
148 stairs
7 terraced seating areas
5 gaming tables - foosball, ping pong, or shuffleboard
11 tabletop gaming groups

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Ronald J. Daniels, President

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The Pub & Coffee House is an open and light-filled space with accessible seating, high ceilings, a patio, garden, hearth, lounge, bar, and a taproom. Students can arrive through an outside campus entrance and relax around a fire, play billiards, enjoy a drink, and unwind in a social hub that rivals any space in Baltimore. The calm palette extends through the space, with warm tones, and soft furniture, off-white ceramic and mosaic tiles, and a wood-look porcelain tiled floor. The palette is accented with black metal, brass mesh metal, and wood in the ceiling and above the bar.

Student Engagement Hub
This administrative network’s many offices and collaboration spaces support more than 400 student-run organizations.

150,000 SQ. FT.
of relaxation, social, and multipurpose spaces
The Commons
The Commons is a beautiful green space on the west side of the Student Center, next to the Merrick Barn. It has pathways from campus to the west side main entry and an outdoor entrance to the Cafe & Pub.

The Grove
The Grove is a beautiful green space off Charles Street, between The Beach—a popular outdoor hangout spot for students—and the Student Center.

The Charles Street Plaza
The Charles Street Plaza mixes green space with the building’s exterior space and provides entrances from Charles Street to the Theater and the welcome desk. It includes the outdoor extension of the seating in the Food Hall, which is on the Terrace next to the entryway to the Theater.
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5,280 Square Feet of dining space

152 seat dining area

6 dining platforms

80 average decibel level of a busy food hall

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Gaming Lounge

Video game players will enjoy this state-of-the-art, enclosed Gaming Lounge. There are six PC gaming tables and lounge spaces with sofas and wall screens for entertainment or additional gaming options. The lounge and gaming setup is flexible and there is room for expansion of technology. Acoustical tile and wood ceilings soften the sounds of play and keep the sound within the room, which is accented with graphite metal mesh and perforated wood paneling.

Welcome Lounge

Members of the Hopkins community and guests enter the Welcome Lounge through a beautiful open space with a palette of warm-toned tiles and limestone flooring. It is soundscaped with an acoustically treated ceiling that tempers sound in this busy hub. The lounge welcomes the community entering from the building’s main entrance on Charles Street.

Theater Lounge

Entering from Charles Street Plaza entrance, guests will walk through the Food Hall to an open space that can be furnished to serve as a lounge area or a prefunction space for performances. The space is demarcated from the open Food Hall by a drop in the ceiling and an archway. It includes a near by mother’s room.
Prefunction Lounge
This cozy lounge space, featuring the calm palette and the warm tones seen throughout the Hopkins Student Center, is adjacent to the Signature Multipurpose Rooms and rehearsal spaces.

West Lounge
This lounge space, featuring the calm palette and warm tones seen throughout the Student Center, is off of the West Campus Entry, near the dance studios.

Reflection Room
Tucked away from the many rehearsal spaces and gathering areas on Level 2, this room is a restful place for quiet reflection.
Inspire

Our community thrives because of the incredible diversity and fellowship within and across our campuses—the closeness in which we work and the ways in which we inspire one another.
Theater

The Theater is a state-of-the-art performance and rehearsal space and is the largest enclosed space in the Student Center. It is finished with white oak veneer, a black Masonite floor, and acoustic drapery. Its flexible design allows for six unique floor formats: completely open, a thrust stage with audience seats on three sides, a traverse stage with audience seats on two sides, cabaret style with a small stage and table and row seating, cabaret style with a small stage and all-table seating, and banquet style. It contains a scene dock, theater storage, and seating storage for retractable tiered seating.
Multipurpose Room 1

This multipurpose room’s primary purpose is for the performing arts rehearsals. It optimizes creative space, with each wall providing a performance-specific space: a mirror wall, a neutral wall, a performance wall, and a wall with a projector screen and storage for ballet bars, marley rolls, and other equipment and seating. This space can also be used for performances, and, like the Theater, it can be set up in multiple ways to meet the style of the performance. It features an open ceiling and a black Masonite floor, matching the decorative style of the Theater.

Creative Media Center

The Creative Media Center is a multimedia lab space as well as an equipment, printing, and knowledge resource for exploring creative uses of emerging media.
Multipurpose Room 4

This room is directly accessible from the campus through the Southwest Entrance and adjacent to the West Lounge. It is an open space with opportunities for multiple seating and equipment arrangements. Its calm palette includes a timber ceiling, light oak ballet bar, and white oak floor and walls. This multipurpose room is designed specifically for dance and has the most features to support dance rehearsals, including wall mirrors and wood sprung floors.

Creative Multipurpose Room Highlights

- 137 linear feet of art display opportunity
- 40 adjustable light fixtures
- 100 art drying racks
- 14 art easels

Multipurpose Room 15

This space offers the most beautiful views and natural light of all the Hopkins Student Center’s creative and rehearsal spaces. The multi-textured room—with a poured polished concrete floor, an acoustically treated ceiling, light fiber cement wall, timber structure, patterned metal wall, and brushed graphite metal—can be set up as an art studio or a demonstration space.
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Dance Multipurpose Room Highlights
40 linear feet of fixed ballet barres
3 floor finishes for different dance rehearsal types
174 linear feet of full height mirror

Music Multipurpose Room Highlights
167 linear feet of adjustable acoustic curtains
8 rehearsal layouts for music ensemble practice

Multipurpose Room 2
This creative space has polished concrete floors, art storage, and media arts space including sinks. It will be set-up with tall tables, easels, and art supplies to encourage creativity and community.
Multipurpose Room 3
A space with a view, this room is on the Southwest corner of the Student Center, off the Student Project Exhibit Lounge. Primary uses for this space include music and dance rehearsal but can be used for small meetings and speakers.

Multipurpose Room 5
This is a space featuring wood sprung floors and wall mirrors. It is an open and versatile space with multiple seating and equipment arrangement possibilities that can support other activities, including music rehearsals. Its calm palette includes a timber ceiling, light oak ballet bar, and white oak floor and walls. This space can be used for small performances with small audiences.

Multipurpose Room 9
This is a versatile multi-function space that can be used for dance or as an alternate support space. It features a calm palette and the warm tones seen throughout the Hopkins Student Center. Primary uses for this space include small meetings and dance and music rehearsals for small groups.

Multipurpose Room 10
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Multipurpose Room 11
This is one of two versatile spaces on Level 2 that can serve as a meeting or conference space with a capacity of over 100 people. It features a calm palette and the warm tones seen throughout the Hopkins Student Center.

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Large Sound Studios

One of three large Sound Studios in a suite of Sound and Recording Studios on Level 3, with customized state-of-the-art technology.

Virtual Reality Room

Part of the Sound and Recording Studios suite, the Virtual Reality Room is an experiential space for 3-D immersion in computer-generated environments.

Green Room

The Green Room is a space for visiting guests and artists. It can function as a suite with the attached Dressing Room and adjacent bathroom and can also serve as a small meeting room.

Dressing Room

This Dressing Room includes a bathroom with a shower for visiting guests and performers. It can be closed off from or open to the adjoining Green Room.

Student Project Exhibit Lounge

The Exhibit Lounge is a flexible gallery space for multi-discipline displays curated by our students—rotating exhibits of multi-media arts, displayed via hanging, platforms, podium. The Lounge enjoys the best view of the BMA Sculpture Garden from the Hopkins Student Center.
Gather    Inspire    Collaborate

Scenery Shop
Sets and props for performances in the Theater are built in this fully equipped workspace.

Sound Studio
One of three Sound and Recording Studios on Level 3, with customized state-of-the-art technology.

Small Dressing Room
One of two small dressing rooms adjacent to the Theater.

6 sound studios
1 virtual reality room
1 recording studio
378 square feet of sound absorptive surfaces in each sound studio

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13 ft tall roller gate for moving large scenery

5,031 cubic foot space for large scenery construction

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Stepping boldly into the future, confident in the power of transformative spaces, and excited by what our community will discover next.
Signature Multipurpose Room 14

This signature multipurpose room is located next to the Student Engagement Hub at the top of the Living Room stairs. It looks out over into the Grove and is a rich and tactile space, with beautiful finishes, including textured carpet tile, stone flooring, and acoustical wall paneling. It features AV screens and AV storage closets. The space can be set up for signature events including banquets, speakers, conferences, etc.

Equipped to connect people from all corners of the globe while providing the essential space to dine, engage, and form life-long connections.
Multipurpose Rooms 7 & 8

These two large rooms have the calm palette and warm tones seen throughout the Hopkins Student Center, with white oak veneer, carpet tile floors, and blackout shades that can be opened to create a light-filled room. The double-height ceiling gives people on the third floor a view into the space through a glazed window and acoustic fabric wrapped paneling tempers ambient sound. The two rooms can be separated by a divider or combined to create additional programming opportunities. Spaces can be used for large tabling events, banquets, speakers, and small conferences.
Small Meeting Room 3

This meeting room is located on the northwest corner of the top floor, overlooking the campus and the Grove. It is part of the Student Engagement Hub.

Small Meeting Room 2

This meeting room is off of the Prefunction Area, between Multipurpose Rooms 1 and 2 on Floor 1. It is decorated in the calm palette and warm colors found throughout the Student Center.

Blue Conference Room

This signature conference room features elegant lighting and decor with distinctive JHU branding that is visible from Charles Street.

Small Meeting Room 2

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**Sustainability**

Through a reimagined surrounding landscape and connecting exterior spaces, the center will also provide opportunities for outdoor exhibits and pop-up artistic performances while supporting university sustainability goals.

- The sustainability charter outlines three key goals: student health and wellness, local stewardship, and reduction of energy, carbon, and water usage.
- Committed to LEED Gold and targeting LEED Platinum

**ARCHITECTURE**

- Mass timber construction
- Carbon sequestering concrete
- Building siting and roof overhangs to reduce HVAC loads based on solar gain
- Bird safe glass frit
- Double and triple pane glazing
- Healthier Materials initiative to reduce the use of Red List chemicals in interior finishes
- Biophilic design principles

**MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING (MEP)**

- Radiant flooring in select locations (*both heating and cooling*)
- Dedicated outdoor air system (DOAS) and make up air unit (MUA)
- Tiered roofs with integrated photovoltaic panels for solar energy generation
- Rainwater treatment system / stormwater retention tank
Learning.

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