



Smith College

Student Center, Northampton, MA

Broadening the opportunity for social interaction, the Smith College Campus Center serves as a mediating body, the only building at Smith available to all students, faculty, and staff.

Serving as a junction between residential spaces and academic buildings, the sixty-thousand-square-foot campus center is imagined as an elaboration of an en-route passage through campus. Defined by the interconnecting contours of frequently traveled pathways into and out of the college and constricted on two sides by existing structures, the building is oriented as a pathway: one end opening toward the community of Northampton and the other onto the campus.

The Campus Center Café offers a wide variety of food and beverages including gourmet pizzas prepared in a stone hearth oven, salads made to order, homemade soups, panini and deli sandwiches, and grilled foods including vegan and vegetarian selections.

Characteristics

- Progressive Architecture Award
- 150-seat Multipurpose Space
- Full-service retail cafe and 100-seat dining room
- Limited-service catering kitchen
- Espresso Bar with lounge seating

Client: Smith College

Architect: Weiss/Manfredi Architects