



June and Frank Cowden, Jr. Dining Hall Midland College

Sophistication

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June & Frank Cowden Dining Hall renovated and adaptively reused over 18,600 square feet of the existing 42,000 square foot facility. The addition will support dining for 425 people with 2,300 square foot of existing space to support back of house for the Dining Hall. The new addition was designed to blend seamlessly into the existing campus. To do this, concrete massing, bronze metals and earth tone accents were used to define the modern southwest architectural style.

The front entry is envisioned as a tall tower that is clearly seen from the residence halls to the north and the main academic buildings to the south. Outdoor dining was provided to allow views to the main quadrangle and provide shelter from prevailing wind and sun. The addition matches the existing structural bay size and repeats the "wing wall" with an updated rectilinear form. Concrete panels are used to be compatible with the existing, and colored concrete tiles are proposed at the dominant wing wall at the outdoor dining area and at the entry tower. Roof parapet and fascia will match the bronze material features throughout the campus. The interior is a large bay space with a high ceiling space at the center of the dining area. Natural light is provided from the north and south. An existing snack bar kitchen was repurposed to house dining offices, staff locker room and accessible staff restrooms.



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