A dining hall renovation that serves up innovation, sustainability, and healthy student living.
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A New View

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Overview
A double height lobby space opens on to a central serving area, encircled by open seating.
With new retail cafe space on the ground level and the removal of interior masonry walls, the new dining commons warmly engages the adjacent plaza.
With the removal of the brick walls, the aroma of the food cooking above welcomes students to the commons.
Reclaimed wood on soffits, serving counters, and tables creates a warm dialogue with the existing Brutalist concrete language.
The sweeping form of the “Egg”, with its twelve separate and unique food stations, promotes smooth circulation and ease of selection.
A galaxy of pendant and accent lighting reinforces the connection with the central servery, while the openness allows views to the exterior courtyards and plazas.
Varied seating and playful lighting produce a unique dining and social environment. Dramatic views to the outside create a sense of connection to the campus.
By embracing the existing structure and inserting a limited palette of materials, the Hampshire Dining Commons was designed for LEED Silver certification.