

Program Summary:

Columbus State University's Cunningham Conference Center includes a 270-seat banquet facility, break-out | seminar rooms, CSU's educational program, John Cunningham Sales Institute, and technology incubator.

Program Statement:

Formerly the site of the CSU President's house, the Cunningham Conference Center (CCC) artfully establishes a welcoming presence at the campus edge while also paying homage to the 1950's campus Brutalist fabric. The siting on the campus edge, combined with the programs for non-traditional campus studies establishes a duality that defines the architecture. This is reinforced via many aspects of the building design that includes the transparent side of the building that faces the community versus the more opaque facade that serves as a back drop for the baseball field. The consistent rhythm of window patterning on the academic and incubator portion of the building in contrast to the more irregular form that serves as the ante space for the conferencing center. Dichotomous relations are instilled throughout the interior via materials, color, and patterning.

Best utilization of the site and simplicity in plan allow for this building to be recognized as a signature structure on campus regardless of a very modest budget.

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Building Area: (sf)
68,000 SF

Cost per Square Foot:
\$124 / SF

Construction Cost
\$8,400,000

Date of Completion:
July 2004

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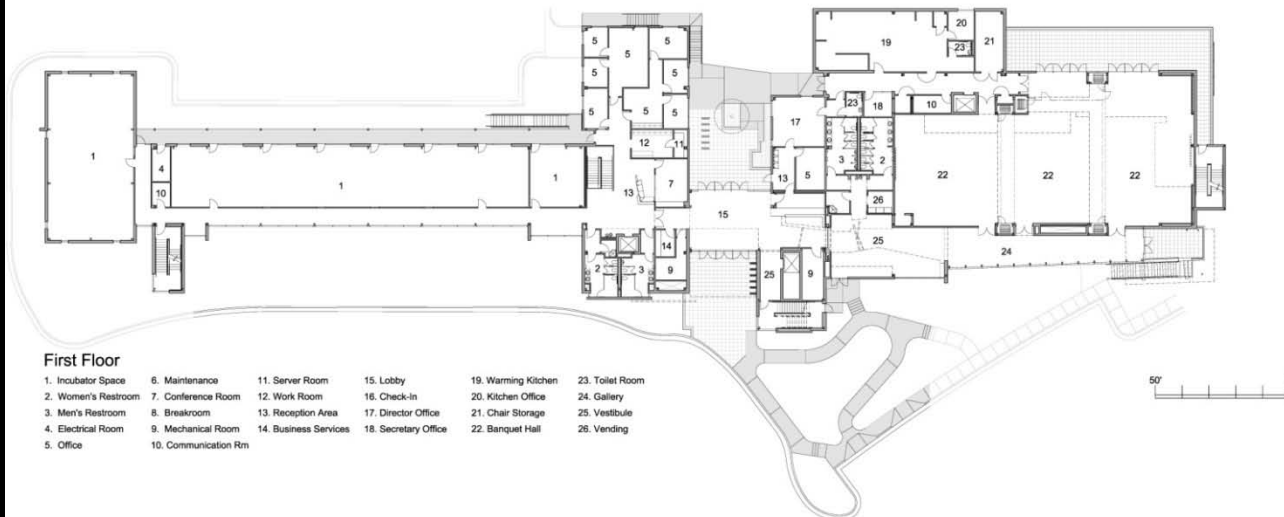
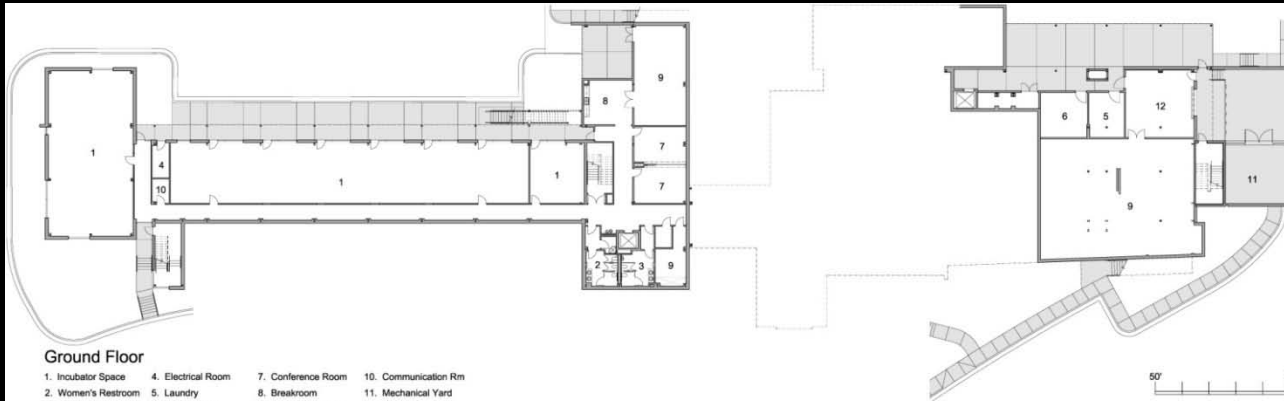
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Even at night the Cunningham building creates a beautiful presence on the horizon.



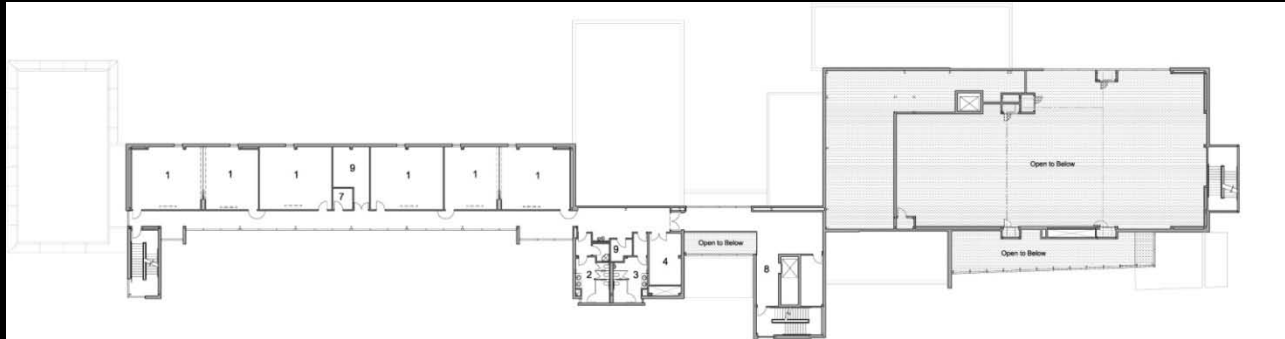
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Basement and Ground Floor Plans



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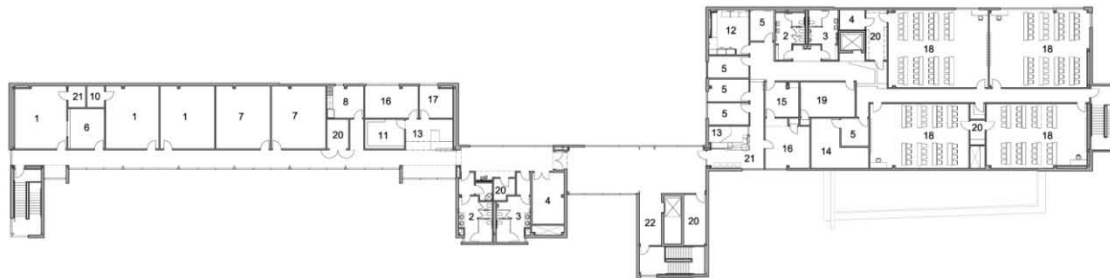
Second and Third Floor Plans



Second Floor

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| 1. Seminar Room | 4. Electrical Room | 7. Communication Rm |
| 2. Women's Restroom | 5. Office | 8. Vestibule |
| 3. Men's Restroom | 6. Mechanical Room | 9. Storage |

50' 0"



Third Floor

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|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Classroom | 6. AV Control | 11. Supplies | 15. Admin | 19. Conference Room |
| 2. Women's Restroom | 7. Computer Lab | 12. Work Room | 16. Director | 20. Storage |
| 3. Men's Restroom | 8. Breakroom | 13. Reception Area | 17. Assistant Director | 21. Walling |
| 4. Electrical Room | 9. Mechanical Room | 14. Tech Support | 18. Lab | 22. Vestibule |
| 5. Office | 10. Communication Rm | | | |

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Front Entry

The tower to the right side of the entry contains the egress stairs and elevators. Windows provide daylight into the egress stair. The brick and horizontal ribbed panel to the left of the entry contain the public restrooms.



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Entry Canopy Detail

Detail of the glass entry canopy designed as an extension of the entry curtainwall system.



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Exterior of Banquet Lobby

The use of CSU's traditional brick, background, is enhanced with horizontal ribbed metal panels, insulated aluminum panel systems and curtainwalls. The exterior detailing expresses the history and future of Columbus State University; a desired design statement of the Owner.



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Exterior Curtainwall Detail

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Banquet Hall Lobby

The high volume space, playful layout of light fixtures, curtainwall system, and non-symmetrical reveals create a lively and open environment.



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Banquet Hall

The banquet hall is designed for flexibility. It can be utilized as one large open space or subdivided into three meeting rooms. Light fixtures, ceiling designs and detailing, and accents all are utilized to express the progressive approach to education desired by Columbus State University.



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East Corridor

The use of X-bracing served three major purposes in the design and construction of the facility. It is an expression of the technology developed within the incubator space. The X-bracing also provided a significant cost savings by reducing the amount of steel required on the project while also reducing the overall construction time. Cost and schedule were both significant issues with the Owner.



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Northwest Facade Detail

Simple materials articulated and layered to create a visual point of interest at the far corner of the building.



Project Name:
Columbus State University
Cunningham Conference Center

Project Location:
Columbus | Georgia

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