

## The Egg—Student Commons Building: The Culinary Institute of America

Hyde Park, NY



The Egg, located in the Student Commons building on the campus of the Culinary Institute of America, is a highly sought after facility for dining, relaxing and entertainment conveniently located at the heart of campus. Originally constructed with a small but popular student café, the Commons was recently expanded with a 475-seat dining venue and amenities for student activities and gatherings.

The building's interior features a library and free book exchange with a study area highlighted by a fireplace, seven lounges with com-



fortable seating and cocktail tables, a stage for entertainment or cooking demonstrations, a private meeting room, more than 50 device-charging stations and much, much more. The casual atmosphere allows

### New Construction/Addition Student center/union

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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: Post-Secondary  
 Capacity: 475 indoors /100 outdoors  
 Building Area: 39,127 sq. ft.  
 Square Foot Cost: \$499  
 Construction Cost: \$19,524,193  
 Project Cost: \$21,305,993  
 Completion Date: April 2015

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students to hang out, let their hair down and experiment with new food ideas and concepts.

The building glows with activity after dark, as glass curtain walls were used in the design to draw people to the interior after hours. Outside, the addition occupies a very unusual and special site, taking advantage of the building's location atop a bluff overlooking the Hudson River. The elevated platforms along the building's perimeter focus on the scenic views up and down the river and provide a picturesque stage for after-hour presentations and casual concerts.

The heavily glazed exterior and numerous skylights create a light and airy interior. An outdoor terrace provides additional seating for 100 and connects to a generous lawn. New production kitchen facilities within the addition can serve up to eight different dining venues and provide the students with a healthy selection of meal options. The renovation project also provides students with a brewery that serves as both a classroom and campus production facility, as well as access to new fitness options through expanded space for aerobics, cardiovascular and resistance training.