



## Turner Lynch Campus Center at Oglethorpe University

Atlanta, GA

### New Construction/Addition

Student center/union

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#### OWNER/CLIENT

Oglethorpe University  
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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: Post-Secondary  
Capacity: 1,200 students  
Size of Site: 2.98 acres  
Building Area: 49,289 sq. ft.  
Space per Student: 41 sq. ft.  
Cost per Student: \$10,017  
Square Foot Cost: \$244  
Construction Cost: \$12,020,675  
Project Cost: \$15,300,000  
Completion Date: August 2013

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After consulting with Collins Cooper Carusi Architects about the campus aging 1968 student center, Oglethorpe University decided to rebuild completely. They wanted a new campus center to inspire pride and excitement in the present and future of the University.

The new campus center is the students' primary dining, meeting and social space. Multiple dining areas offer a variety of options for gathering over meals,

whether in the large dining hall, creek overlook or outdoor terrace. The center also contains student organization and study spaces, meeting rooms and student services offices. In order to encourage community, the design eliminates most internal boundaries, creating an open, accessible and vibrant space.

A key part of CCCA's design improves local hydrology and the urban habitat corridor by including restoration of an adjacent creek bed which had become fragile and unsightly

through erosion. A curved glass façade pulls the landscape inside and allows a direct visual connection to the surrounding trees and creek from almost any point inside the building. The architecture features neo-gothic details and recalls some favorite elements of the original building by using wood ceilings, beams and trusses.

The resulting building is a beautiful gathering space that connects students to each other, the landscape and their University's history.

