

Karl Miller Center Portland State University

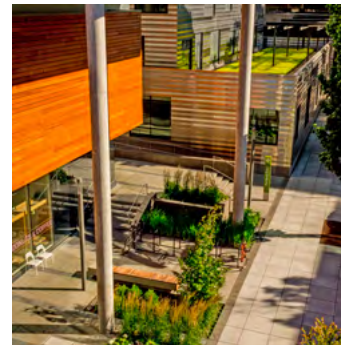
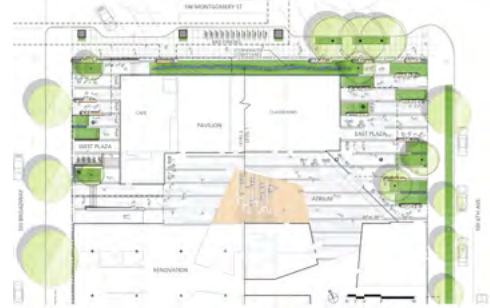


A strong interplay of site and building achieves goals for distinctive design, collaborative learning, integration of community and demonstration of sustainability.

A dramatic renovation and expansion transformed PSU's School of Business into a buzzing hub of activity designed to inspire the next generation of business leaders. With emphasis on sustainability, creating a collaborative community and inclusive learning approaches, the building and site work together to create cohesive, indoor/outdoor relationships that engage the greater campus. Two entry plazas bracket the center's glassy atrium. As key social places, they are informal break-out spaces that serve independently for small gatherings, relaxing and dining, or collectively for larger events that

extend outdoors from the atrium. Upper roof terraces connect to the city with spectacular views.

Four levels of eco-roofs step down the classroom pavilion to create a display of green infrastructure and a three-dimensional ecological approach that pairs with the stacked architectural "boxes." Stormwater runoff activates lush rainwater planters in plazas below through a cobble channel that artfully continues the stormwater story along Montgomery Street, a city-designated "green street." The center is LEED Platinum certified.



CREDITS

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