Burge Residence Hall Plaza Dining Room Courtyard

lowa City, Iowa



Project Description:

The design of a new dining hall addition to the existing University of lowa residence facility Burge Hall provided an opportunity to develop an adjacent outdoor area adjacent to the hall. The challenge was to create an inviting space for students as well as, provide a small gathering area for formal and informal campus events. As the lead landscape architect on the plaza project, Loren Hoffman collaborated with the project architect to create several unique design schemes and alternatives.

The courtyard was designed as an extension to the remodeled dining hall that overlooks the space. The design strategically met ADA accessibility requirements while still embracing and celebrating the varied topography of the site. Recommendations and specifications for design elements and materials were incorporated into the project to ensure aesthetic cohesion with both the architectural elements of the dining hall addition and the architecture of the exterior of Burge Hall.

And, though designed primarily for individuals and small groups, the space is also capable of accommodating larger group gatherings.



Project Features:

- Blend plaza features with existing building architecture
- Extensive utility coordination

Status:

Completed in the Fall of 2001

Reference:

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