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Gaige Hall 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence



CONTINUED LEARNING: Lounges and collaborative work areas provide opportunities for informal learning to continue beyond the classroom.

Building owner and tenant: Rhode Island College

Architect: LLB Architects

Developer/General contractor: H.V. Collins

Cost: \$17 million

Use: Gaige Hall was built in 1966 and faced a series of infrastructure issues that affected the learning environment, including lack of natural light and poor acoustics. LLB Architects undertook a total reorganization of departments and classrooms, creating integrated collaborative zones throughout the building. A small addition made a large impact by replacing the two-story center section with a three-story connector that features a double-height multipurpose

room, as well as study lounges that benefit from a fully glazed façade.

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COMMUNITY SPOT: An attractive outdoor gathering space connects visually with the indoor lounge on the first floor of Gaige Hall.



CONNECTED SPACE: Glazing on the first-floor lounge connects the space to the outdoor patio and the quad beyond.

