

EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY PENCE UNION BUILDING

The Pence Union Building (PUB) renovation focuses on the areas of highest need and maximum benefit identified by the students, including safety, sustainability, wayfinding, and a well-lit open floor plan.

Teamed with architect Perkins&Will, MW set out to transform the existing student union into a state-of-the-art, light-filled, and amenity-rich space, creating a home away from home for students. This redesign makes an easy-to-navigate, open-concept layout infused with natural light and supports an array of areas where students can interact, work, eat, study, lounge, and socialize.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

- Natural light-filled atrium with central staircases that provide wide, safe steps for a range of seating options and plenty of outlets for laptops and electronics
- Modernized multipurpose room with a small stage, sound equipment, and acoustic fixtures for music performances and speaking engagements
- Student club suites, student conference rooms, and other student services that are visible from the central atrium encourage students to connect and engage
- Computer lab/lounge and media mini-lab supporting student printing, computer, and audiovisual needs
- New green roof with an artistic array of local, drought-resistant plants and shrubs
- Game room with pool, foosball, ping-pong, and plug-and-play video gaming stations
- Open market with grab-and-go groceries and healthy food options

AWARDS

2022 World Architecture News for Education and Research Facilities Built Category Bronze Award

2022 SCUP/AIA CAE Excellence in Architecture Honor Award

2021 Association of College Unions International Facility Design Award

2020 AIA New England Design Citation Award

2019 AIA Washington Council Civic Design Citation Award

2018 Boston Society for Architects Educational Facilities Citation Award

FAST FACTS

Project Size: 123,000 SF

Cost: \$30,241,000

Services: Mechanical, Electrical, Telecommunications

Completed: 2018

