



Cochran Hall/Tippie Alumni Center Historic Renovation Allegheny College | Meadville, PA



Over the years, Cochran Hall's use changed many times. Its once proud image had been dimmed by unsympathetic changes, prior to restoration and conversion into the Alumni Center. Cochran Hall was originally constructed in 1908 as a men's residence hall. The building housed the English Department on the second floor, the post office and class rooms on the first floor and the bookstore in the basement.

In keeping with the college's values, and its desire to retain and restore the historic center of campus, Cochran Hall, a contributor to the wonderful architectural heritage at Allegheny, was completely restored. This project restored the exterior of the building and important interior first floor spaces and fabric. Architectural and campus planning issues were addressed by developing a new east entrance façade, sympathetic to the original building, while providing a strong image from Peach Alley and Senior Circle. The building was designed to house Alumni meeting and dining spaces on the first floor, Alumni Affairs and Development Offices on the second floor and support spaces for these functions on the ground floor.

Major restored spaces include a 150-seat dining hall with a small ceremonial balcony, a Boardroom and an Alumni Library. The main space on the entry level is a large oak paneled Alumni Lounge and gallery reusing all of the intact woodwork and decorative mirrors. Replicated bronze light fixtures were created from archival photographs.



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Size:
25,000 SF

Cost:
\$ 5.3 million