

Rubenstein Commons

FUNCTION | Meeting rooms, indoor/outdoor café, living room, gallery of campus history, and offices

BUILDING AREA | 17,175 square feet

MAJOR MATERIALS | Precast concrete, prismatic glass, copper roof, terrazzo and wood floors, slate blackboards, and custom light fixtures

DESIGN | Steven Holl Architects

STRUCTURE | Precast concrete walls with steel roof

RENEWABLE ENERGY | 20 geothermal wells, each at a depth of 450 feet, provide energy for the building's heating and cooling.

GROUNDBREAKING | March 14, 2018

BENEFACTOR

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FEATURES

Blackboards of natural slate, a storied tradition for intellectual exchange at the IAS, line the interiors.

Prismatic glass breaks white light into the spectrum, energizing the interior with natural light and color.



Custom hand-blown light fixtures illuminate the curved ceiling geometry.

Door handles inspired by knot theory and custom waterspouts are located at the east and west entrances.

Natural ventilation in wood-framed windows bring light and air into all spaces.

Pools of water to the north, south, and west reflect sunlight into interior spaces.

The landscape around the pools measures the time of a year's passing through the four seasons.