
Gallaudet University

Clerc Residence Hall Renovation

Washington, DC

Services:

- Deaf Education Facility Programming
- Schematic Design
- Design Development
- Construction Documents
- Communication and Visual System Design
- Lighting systems design for the Deaf
- Visual life safety design

Client:

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Date: Current
Completion Summer 2009

Construction Cost: \$14.9 million



In 1856 Amos Kendall made a gift of two acres and a frame house on his northeast Washington, DC estate for the express purpose of educating the deaf and the blind. Eighteen students were initially housed and educated under Kendall's patronage, and Congress with President Lincoln incorporated the school into Gallaudet College in 1857.

Gallaudet University, the only liberal arts university for the deaf in the world, has been an integral part of the fabric of the city of Washington, DC for over 145 years. The campus has grown from eighteen students to the present enrollment of 1,800 University students.

Winter & Company Special Needs Studio (WCSNS) is in the preliminary stages of conceptual design for renovation of a 50,000 gsf, 12-story residence hall built in 1969 but expanded over time.

At present, rooms typically are doubles with gang baths. A portion of the first floor has an intermediate mezzanine level of double rooms, creating a sectional break in floor elevations that compromises accessibility. In addition, sporadic placement of stairwells means students maneuver challenging corridors and passages.

WCSNS, along with Ayers, Saint and Gross of Washington, DC, is developing conceptual floor plans that take into consideration the University's desire to have an open visual space and feeling of a "Deaf home" while making significant internal modifications to improve the student residence experience. Improvements include addressing visual life safety issues, clarifying visual circulation and way finding.



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