

## Ashokan Hall Renovation - SUNY New Paltz

New Paltz, New York



architecture+ designed the \$9.7 million renovation of this 210 bed, 1960's era residence hall. This project is the first in a series of residential construction projects that SUNY New Paltz is implementing as the result of their Residence Life Master Plan prepared by architecture+.

The exterior appearance of Ashokan Hall was transformed by the introduction of composite limestone panels to replace a dark slate cladding. A new inviting entrance vestibule and elegant sloped metal roof established a new signature architectural style for the Peregrine Quad.

Interior spaces were creatively reconfigured to improve livability, comply with the current building codes, and improve accessibility while maintaining the bed capacity. The use of modern finishes and the integration of study, computer, and recreational lounge spaces into the building evoke a hospitality setting. Interior windows and store fronts were selectively introduced into the interior design to provide visual connections between public spaces and to allow light to transmit into the core of the building.

The repositioning of the elevator in proximity to the entrance allowed all floors of the building to be accessible. Wasted hallway space was captured into suites to allow for larger lounges and bathrooms within the suites. The reconfiguration of suite bathrooms increased fixture count and provided accessible facilities.

The architecture+ team completed design in six months. Our team worked closely with DASNY and the contractor to support the accelerated seven month construction phase. Construction was completed on time for a Fall 2010 occupation. The design incorporated many energy efficient and sustainable concepts. This project has received LEED Gold certification.