

Illinois College of Optometry Calls on Jensen & Halstead and Studio One Design for Remodel

Located in Chicago's south loop, the Illinois College of Optometry called on Jensen & Halstead and Studio One Design to remodel their facility. Operating with a design from thirty years ago, the classrooms were un-flexible and there was no open public space for students to congregate. With teaching styles and new technologies evolving, the school needed an update. The renovation design is based around 5 new classrooms with movable furniture and 2 new eye labs with state-of-the-art equipment. A "Main Street" arrangement of corridors promotes a sense of community with lounge-like public areas and easy navigation of the space. The Student Lounge and Conference Room will have new windows to showcase beautiful views of downtown Chicago.

The interiors are being updated accordingly with a fresh contemporary style. A neutral color palate makes for a classic feel, while punches of metallic and bright blues energize the space. Careful furniture selections enhance the mobility of the learning environment and accommodate future technological advancement and functional needs.

Special attention was paid to provide a quiet underfoot in the corridors and a soft underfoot for the teachers in the labs. Set to begin construction in May, the renovated space will be far more functional and the exciting new look is sure to promote learning Design Rendering of Student Lounge and communication among faculty and students.

For more information about Jensen & Halstead and Studio One Design, call (312) 664-7557 or visit www.jensenandhalstead.com or www.s1d.com.

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Student Lounge

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Advocate South Suburban Hospital President Dr. Ann Errichetti (center) is pictured with guests and staff at the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Ambulatory Surgery Center.

Advocate South Suburban Hospital Opens New Ambulatory Surgery Center

Advocate South Suburban Hospital recently opened a new \$6.7 million Ambulatory Surgery Center. The expanded area can accommodate a greater volume of patients to meet the needs of a growing community. The Ambulatory Surgery Center features state-of-the-art technology and provides a convenient process for both the patient and physician. Benefits to the patient include an easily accessible privacy entrance, enhanced comfort and privacy, streamlined registration, flexible scheduling, and space for families to be with the patient during the recovery phase. A separate entrance, registration, and waiting area eliminates the need to enter the main hospital.

The project includes two outpatient operating rooms and two endoscopy suites. The Ambulatory Surgery Center's waiting room will prominently feature the Press Ganey Compass Award, which was awarded to Advocate South Suburban Hospital for service excellence in ambulatory surgery.