



The recent campus expansion at Bryant University in Rhode Island blends flexible facility usage with innovative learning environments.

"We needed to create a variety of teaching venues suited to specific needs," says Physical Plant Director Brian Britton. "At the same time, we looked for furniture that allowed reconfiguration of the rooms for a variety of purposes."

According to Britton, furniture for the new and renovated facilities was chosen based on a need to meet these specific criteria and KI was the company that uniquely met them.

The innovative George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology epitomizes the new direction in education by providing students with a high-tech learning environment.

"It can be difficult to create a totally wired computer classroom that can still be broken down for other uses," says Britton. "KI's DataLink tables can be detached and moved to make room for other functions that spill over from events in the adjacent Grand Hall."





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Product List

Barron® Tables
PowerComm® Table System
Precedence® Seating
DataLink® Tables
Torsion® Seating
Concerto® Auditorium Seating
Perry® Chairs
Piretti 2000 Collection® Seating
WorkZone® Desking
Versa® Chairs

Renovated Academic Hall features an upgraded and fully automated auditorium. One fourth of the Concerto seats have tablet arms to facilitate testing scenarios.

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Classrooms transform to small group discussion rooms that facilitate collegial involvement. Other rooms feature oversized tablet arms that accommodate note taking on laptop computers.

"Sometimes furniture needs are not specific," explains Britton. "For those situations we chose 24-inch deep tables that can easily be ganged or reconfigured for various applications."





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The John H. Chafee Center for International Business houses state-of-the-art technology and a comprehensive network of resources.

“The Chafee Center often hosts visiting dignitaries so this is an area where higher-end conference facilities are required,” according to Britton. “Sometimes you need an extra bit of comfort and style.”

The conference room features Piretti 2000 Executive seating that epitomizes these requirements.

“You’ve got to test drive the seating,” explains Britton. So, users sampled the seating for administrative offices prior to selection.

In fact, students and staff were involved in the furniture selection process throughout the renovations.

“The response has been very favorable,” says Britton. “Bryant University maintained a high level corporate education appearance without sacrificing comfort or durability.”

He adds, “Durability plays a big role in the selection process when the criteria calls for furniture that will be reconfigured again and again.” KI delivers that.





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