

CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK, ANNE AND BERNARD SPITZER SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, URBAN DESIGN, & LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
New York, New York, USA

RAFAEL VIÑOLY ARCHITECTS



By the late 1990s, the School of Architecture, Urban Design, and Landscape Architecture at the City College of New York had outgrown its home in Shepard Hall and needed a new facility. Decades of evolving academic and administrative needs had transformed the original site into a fractured, generally inadequate collection of administrative offices, which were relocated prior to the

renovation. Rafael Viñoly Architects overhauled an existing structure—a five-story, modernist glass-block building designed and constructed as a library in the late 1950s—to satisfy the university’s needs. Preserving only the reinforced-concrete columns and floor slabs, the firm cut a large opening in each floor plate to create a central atrium and wove a series pedestrian bridges through it.

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FACTS + FIGURES

Completion
2009

Size
12,540 gsm

Awards
Honor, Design Awards, New York Council of the Society of American Registered Architects, 2010

Media Coverage
Architectural Record, “CCNY Architecture School Celebrates Historic Moment,” November 2009
Metals in Construction, “City College of New York School of Architecture,” Spring 2010
The New York Times, “Now at Design Schools, Big Concepts on Campus,” September 2005
The New York Times, “A Viñoly Redesign—Architecture Building at City College,” November 2002

Client
The City College of New York, Department of Design, Construction and Management Dormitory Authority of the State of New York

Consultants
MEP Engineer
WSP
Stanislav Slutsky, P.E.

Structural / Civil Engineer
Weidlinger Associates Inc.

Landscape Architect
Lee Weintraub

Lighting Design
Ann Kale Associates, Inc.
Horton Lees Brogen
Lighting Design

Environmental Engineer
Steven Winter Associates

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