



Career Tech/Vocational Education

RENOVATION/ADDITION/
RESTORATION

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: Post-secondary
Capacity: 200 students
Size of Site: 60 acres
Building Area: 13,000 sq. ft.
Space per Student: 65 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$35,435
Square Foot Cost: \$545
Construction Cost: \$7.1 million
Contract Date: Oct. 2007
Completed: Mar. 2009

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COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY

Laney College Culinary Academy & Bistro

Oakland, CA

The project is an interior modernization of the culinary facilities at Laney College, which includes a culinary teaching kitchen, a commercial kitchen, a bakery, and the adjoining Laney Bistro restaurant, totaling 13,000 square feet. The modernization needed to not only provide a facility to cook and serve an expanded number of students, but also provide an interesting and stimulating learning environment that inspires the students in the combination of culinary pursuits and the arts.

Laney Bistro operates in conjunction with the culinary program. It was envisioned to be a destination and a dining experience. To reflect the college's educational character



and the site's urban nature, the architect chose a metropolitan and elegant style.

The existing dense framed storefront that obstructed the view to the Oakland Estuary was replaced with full-height operable glass partition systems that can be folded and stacked, expanding the indoor to the outdoor. By incorporating an interior full-folding partition, the space can be divided for multiuse spaces.

The acoustic quality of the entire space is greatly enhanced by acoustic treatment on the wall and use of unique acoustical ceiling panels. The finish materials are sustainable and were selected for their aesthetics and durability. ■

