



A straight-forward and modern reinterpretation of traditional brick masonry detailing throughout the Rice University campus unifies new dormitory buildings with each other and with existing campus construction.



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LOCATION Houston, Texas
 AREA 110,000 sf COST \$34,000,000
 ARCHITECTS Hanbury Evans Wright
 Vlattas + Company
 with Hopkins Architects

Rice University South Colleges Expansion is the Phase II execution of a master plan for student housing by Hopkins Architects of London. Hopkins also serves as the design architect for the south colleges, working with HEWV + Company as the Architect of Record. The project includes renovations at Baker College, Lovett College and Will Rice College, as well as new dormitory buildings at Baker and Will Rice Colleges. A new student food service building completes the multi-building scope of work.

New dormitories share a material palette of brick and exposed cast-in-place concrete, used in a modern architectural expression. Structures for the dormitory buildings include conventionally reinforced concrete flat slabs that enable shallow floor-to-floor heights with exposed concrete floors and ceilings. In the new food service building, the structural steel frame is expressed as part of the window-wall and ceiling finishes. At the roof, steel trusses with under-slung struts and tie rods are accentuated below the back-drop of a wood paneled ceiling.



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