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WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BIOMEDICAL CENTER CASE STUDY



THE COMPANY

WVU is one of only 115 higher education institutions in the U.S. to receive the Carnegie R1 designation for the level of scientific activity and graduate education on campus. A major part of the University's commitment to research has been investments in the people, infrastructure and facilities dedicated to health.

THE PROJECT

In the Erma Byrd Biomedical Research Center (BMRC), West Virginia University sought an efficient, flexible laboratory environment to encourage collaboration and cross-disciplinary exchange among researchers and students, and a landmark building to attract prestigious investigators and projects.

With the design of the new facility, BMRC needed to take into consideration different learning and interactive styles among its students, teachers and staff. Because the department was looking for a unique element along with specific product requirements, they worked closely with the Kimball team for assistance in choosing a design and innovative products that would meet these requirements.

By utilizing a complimentary mix of Kimball products throughout the buildings landscape, they were able to provide spaces that would serve all the different occupants, while still being rich in design and function.

Xsede Height Adjust tables provided the end-user the ability to address not only sit to stand requirements for each user but flexibility to reconfigure the stations as needed in that each seat is independent of the other allowing for flexibility to change how they work. This space also had many requirements for meetings and collaborations areas. Therefore, Teem was used to facilitate collaboration and meetings that required power/data and audio-visual capabilities.

Pairings, Dwell, Bloom lounge seating and tables were utilized to create informal nodes that could be utilized for casual work, lounge seating, or gathering areas.

Villa shade and Dock tables provided the perfect complement for the café area that was not only functional but with a bright and outgoing color pallet, made the space pop and feel alive.

For the private offices, Height Adjust Priority with the desk surround again gave users the option for flexibility between sitting and standing throughout the day without compromising any design element. Complimentary Priority storage gave the office plenty of storage space as well as a clean and warm aesthetic that was visually appealing.

With this type of environment in the research center, the resulting design manifests a commitment to open exchange through an architectural expression of the interplay, in scientific process, between rationality and creativity.





**LOCATION**

Morgantown, West Virginia

INDUSTRY

Higher Education

ROOM TYPES

Open office, lounge areas, conference room,
café and dining

FURNITURE

Xsede, Bloom, Pairings, Teem, Dock, Footprint,
Priority, Beo, Villa, Dwelll

DEALER

Capitol Business Interiors

DESIGN FIRM

STANTEC of Pittsburgh

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