

# Higher Learning

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# SHAPING FUTURES THROUGH SMART SOLUTIONS

The landscape of higher education has evolved. Campuses across the nation are embracing a more holistic approach to learning, engagement, and problem-solving. By incorporating innovative tools, creative methodology, and inclusive environments, colleges everywhere are developing pathways that support personal well-being and unique intellectual pursuits. With solutions designed to inspire and connect, HON is making a difference in secondary education spaces—today, tomorrow, and beyond.



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# Classrooms



ACADEMIC  
INSIGHTS

The design and function of the classroom is changing. Today, these spaces provide a variety of seating arrangements that create a highly adaptable space to foster community and different learning capabilities. Flexibility among the students and faculty is key to provide an inclusive and active space.

## A Group Effort

While lectures maintain a critical role in higher education, thoughtful discourse is equally important. Encouraging shared ideas and healthy debate prepares students for future employment. Engaging in spaces that reflect the real world—think mobile whiteboards and lecterns, convenient power hubs for instant connectivity, and adaptable, supportive seating—facilitates energetic participation and hands-on learning.





# S.T.E.A.M. Spaces

## Engineered to Enlighten

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics) programs are carefully developed to teach students critical thinking, creative problem-solving, and visual dexterity. For STEAM majors to excel, they need a space equipped with agile seating, multipurpose tables, energetic aesthetics, and integrated technology—all designed to facilitate teamwork, open-minded problem solving, and imagination.



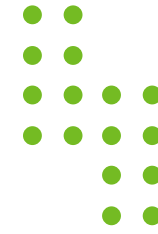
## ACADEMIC INSIGHTS

Makerspaces and hands-on labs exposing students to a variety of skills are continuously being implemented in higher education facilities. Looking ahead, it's anticipated that the solution for some colleges and universities could actually be a move towards flexible yet smaller, more specialized CTE spaces where the number of students who come in close contact with the equipment, and each other, can be better monitored.

*Spaces to grow: Creating, rebuilding areas for CTE learning.* Cunningham. (2024). <https://cunningham.com/2020/11/18/spaces-to-grow-creating-rebuilding-areas-for-cte-learning>



# Libraries



## An Open Book

Libraries aren't just for books anymore—today's students use these industrious spaces for a variety of endeavors. From collaborative study to digital research to private focus, college libraries are taking a more holistic approach to education. Soft, cozy hubs designed for comfort and collaboration, multipurpose tables with integrated power, and flexible, easily reconfigurable spaces complete the modern post-secondary library.



## ACADEMIC INSIGHTS

College libraries are undergoing a transformation, driven by the growing emphasis on inclusive and engaging learning spaces. Advancements in technology and furniture solutions are designed to fit the students' needs for collaboration, socialization, and study spaces. Libraries are no longer a space with rows of books, but a space that includes flexible and functional seating with a modern aesthetic that inspires students' learnings.



# Student Spaces & Commons



## ACADEMIC INSIGHTS



Students should be able to have control of the public spaces and change them to best suit their learning needs. Whether a student is looking for a place to work independently or work within a group setting, they can benefit from spaces that not only provide privacy, but also limit background distractions. Students have different preferences for the level of physical comfort when consuming knowledge.

Corbett Inc. (2022, December 15). 9 Key Attributes of an Informal Learning Space. <https://www.corbettinc.com/post/9-key-attributes-of-an-informal-learning-space>

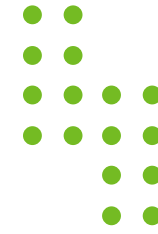
## A Home Away from Home

Often the heartbeat of any educational institution, student social spaces are multifaceted environments that celebrate diversity and camaraderie. Designed to encourage connection and involvement, these amenities-rich settings offer individuals and groups the power of choice. With the incorporation of laid-back lounges with soft seating and integrated power, multi-height tables and stools, and comfortable nooks for private focus, a commons area can meet the needs of anyone, anytime.





# Cafés



## Fuel the Mind

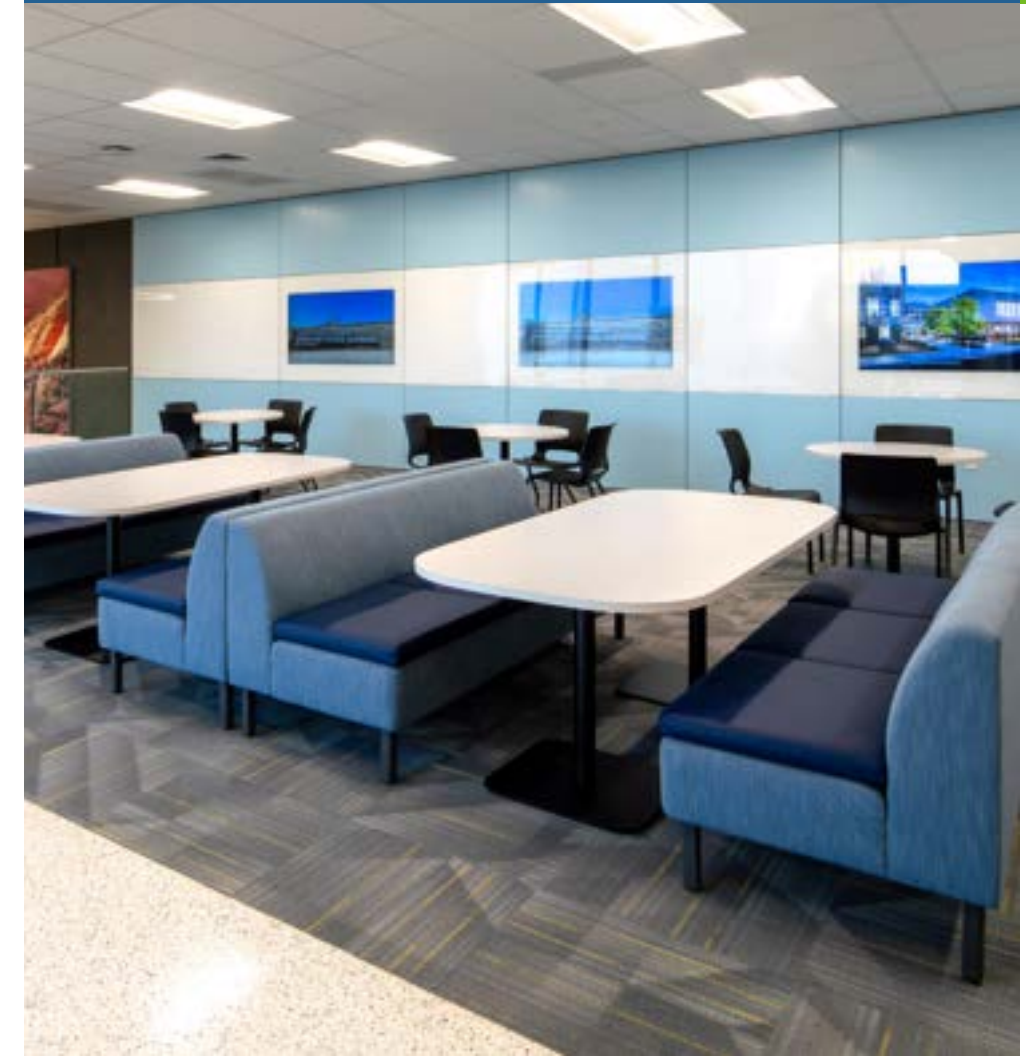
Café spaces have moved beyond being just quick spots to grab a bite. Magnetic and multipurpose, these environments offer students, faculty, and administrators a chance to socialize and study outside of the traditional classroom. Equipped with modern amenities—integrated power, mounted televisions, easily configurable tables and chairs, and modular seating hubs—a college café space is a welcome change of pace for people who need a break.



## ACADEMIC INSIGHTS

Students are turning to spaces such as cafés for extra collaboration and socialization. By optimizing the placement of the café to allow for proper adjacencies, more time is created to socialize and collaborate with peers during class breaks. It also allows for more time to work on assignments during lunch or eating times.

Hayward, B., Levick, J., Felix, E., & Song, Y. (2023, November 9). *Seven surprising space usage trends for colleges and Universities*. Buro Happold. <https://www.burohappold.com/articles/seven-surprising-space-usage-trends-for-colleges-and-universities/>





# Welcome & Administrative



## A Warm Welcome

Often thought of as the command central of any campus, administrative and reception environments are designed to support everything from day-to-day business to private student meetings. Soft, accommodating lounge seating with inviting color and texture, comprehensive desking, and multipurpose storage all contribute to the efficiency, mood, and productivity of these spaces.



## ACADEMIC INSIGHTS

Welcome and Administrative spaces should create a warm, welcoming atmosphere with a “wow” factor. This is usually the first place of entry and needs to be safe and inviting. The ideal surroundings could include enclaves, touchdown points, and meeting spaces for students to drop in.





# Faculty Offices



## Office Hours Are Open

Whether it's lesson planning or a private student meeting, faculty offices need furniture solutions that foster inclusivity, support, and comfort. With the addition of soft seating, adaptable workstations, and convenient storage, these spaces can be a welcoming (and productive!) oasis for educators and students alike.



## ACADEMIC INSIGHTS

Administrative and academic office spaces typically make up the largest non-residential space on a campus: 19% of total space, according to the Society of College and University Planning (SCUP) Campus Facilities Inventory. These spaces should allow for dedicated individual work to prep for class, 1:1 student conversations and then allow for collaboration with other faculty members throughout the day.

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# Product Spotlight

Stay productive with ergonomically-minded seating



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## TASK & GUEST CHAIRS

Whether it's a mobile, supportive guest chair or intuitive, flexible task seating, learners and leaders alike need support, comfort, and control that performs throughout the day.



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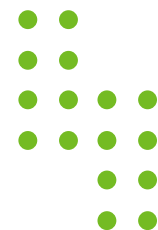
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4-Leg Chair



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Guest



**FLOCK®**  
Guest, Wood



## STOOLS & MULTIPURPOSE CHAIRS

From adjustable task stools to nesting chairs to seating that offers a variety of height options, the power of choice in shared spaces has never been more supportive or convenient.



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Task Stool



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**MOTIVATE®**  
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**MOTIVATE®**  
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4-Leg Stacking  
Chair



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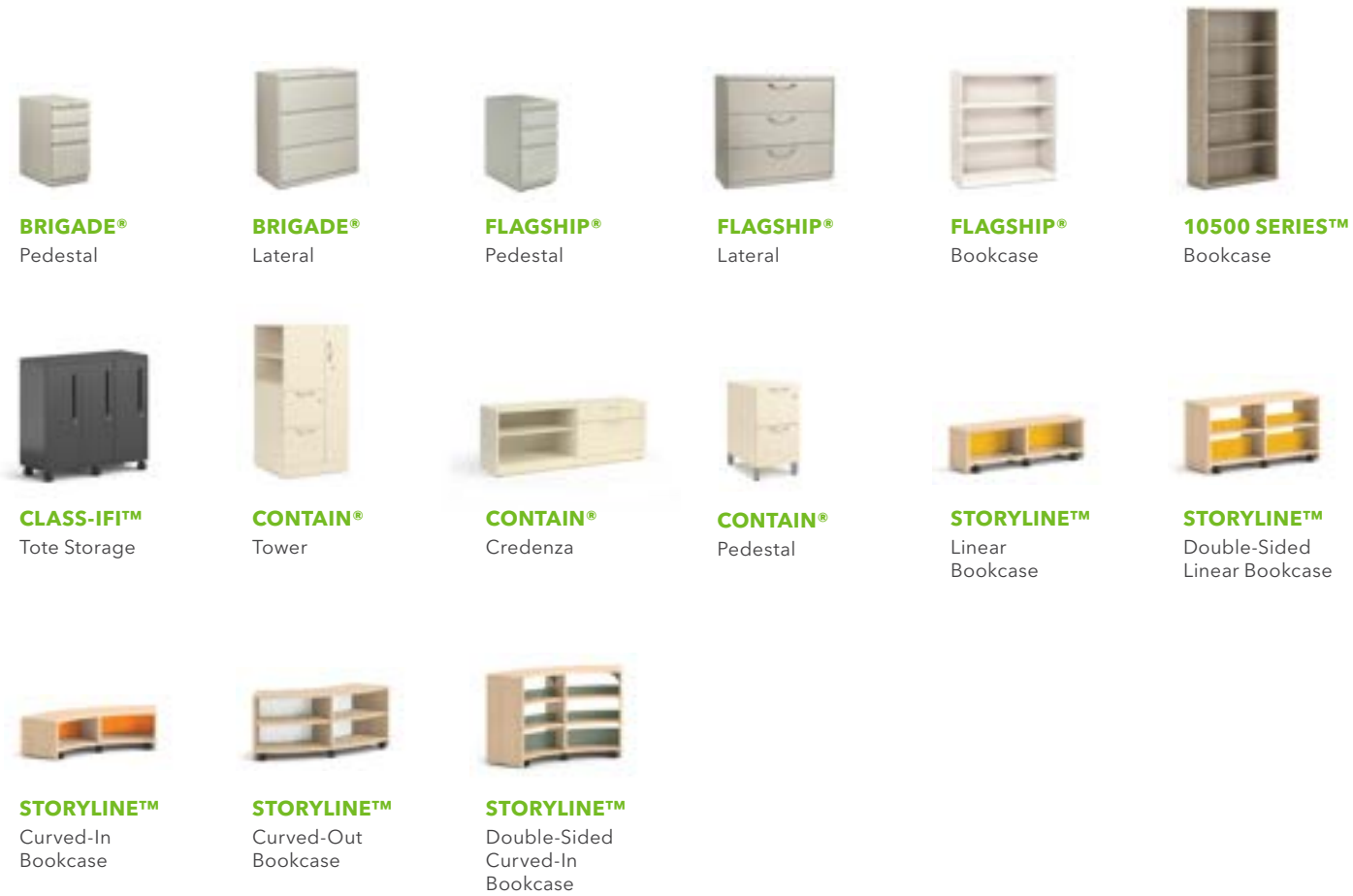


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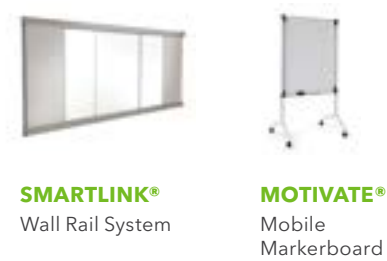


## STORAGE

From libraries to classrooms to common areas, today's industrious learning spaces are incorporating multipurpose bookcases designed to connect shared spaces, as well as pedestals, credenzas, and lockers to foster a variety of needs and purposes.

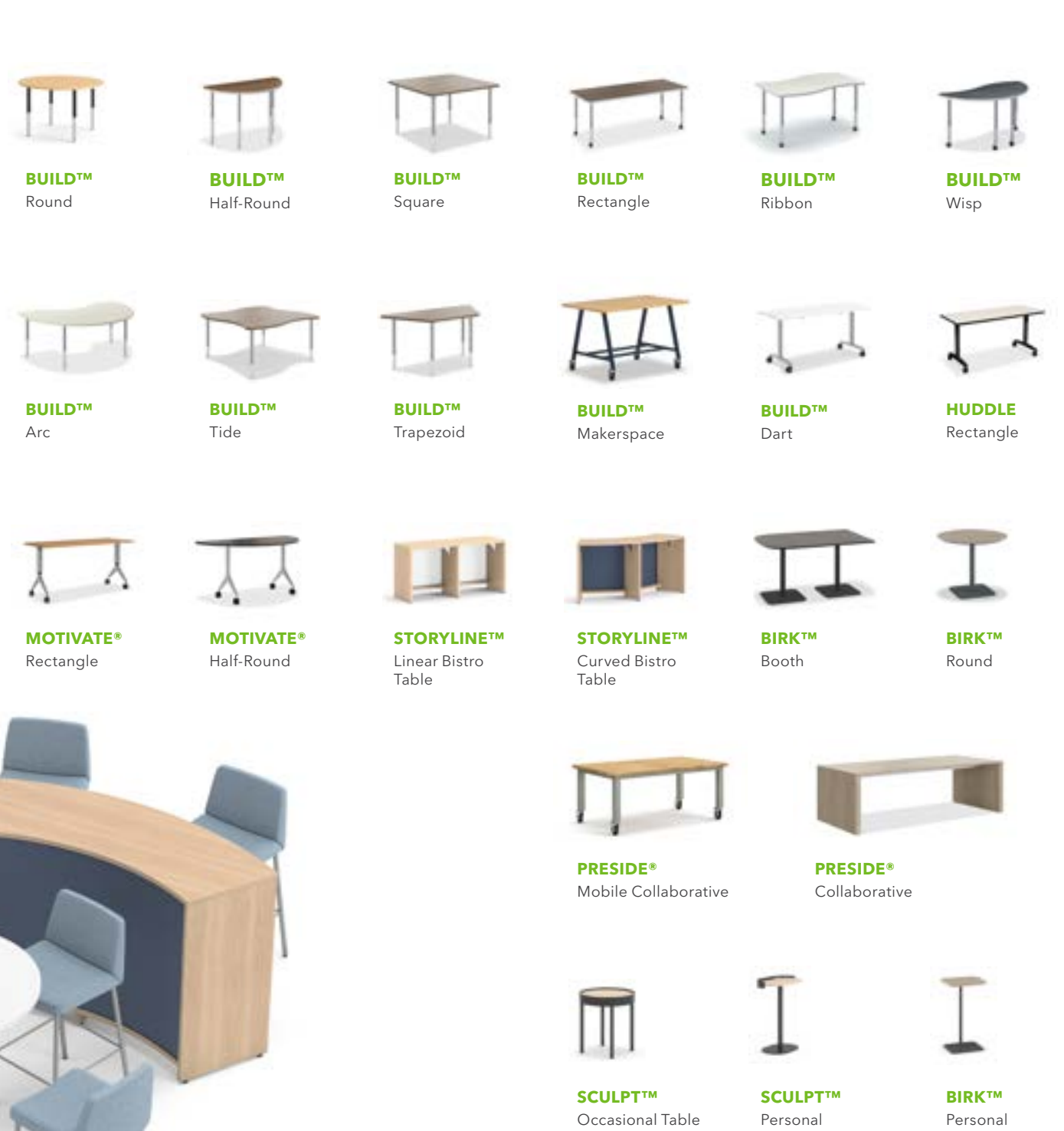


## PRESENTATION PRODUCTS



## TABLES

From cafés to classrooms to common areas, the right surface makes a huge difference in productivity and collaboration. With integrated power, easily cleanable materials, and a variety of heights and capabilities, any table can connect people and places.





## COLLABORATIVE LOUNGE SEATING

Collaboration should be comfortable. By incorporating soft modular seating that's easily reconfigurable and offers a warm, inviting look and feel, any education space can be elevated into something special.



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## DESKS & WORKSTATIONS

From welcoming reception desks to customized workstations to lightweight, mobile surfaces that can reconfigure quickly, solving problems and sharing ideas require solutions that perform under pressure.



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