

# Saint Andrew's School – Charles and Hagerty Hall:

An elevated environment for learning and collaboration



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Saint Andrew's School is a pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 day and boarding school in Boca Raton, Florida. Grounded in the Episcopal tradition, the school is committed to educational excellence within an inclusive community that nurtures each student in mind, body, and spirit. Bringing together faculty from all departments and integrating a dedicated learning center for upper school students, the new Charles and Hagerty Hall supports the evolving ways students and faculty learn and collaborate. Designed as a professional, elevated environment the space empowers its community by providing choice and comfort in a modern learning setting.

The new 26,000 square-foot building contains the Stern Family Learning Center and the Siadat Faculty Collaboration Center. The spaces within the two Centers are designed to be reconfigurable and future-ready to support a variety of learning styles and work modes. Explains, project designer Brittney Ferren, "Our goal was to create a state-of-the-art space where students and staff could be nomadic in how and where they work—whether independently, collaboratively, or in quiet touchdown areas."

## **Student-Centered Learning Spaces**

The Stern Family Learning Center offers upper school students a variety of academic support and wellness-oriented spaces. Students can choose from quiet study areas, collaborative zones, and informal breakout spaces based on their needs throughout the day. Soft lounge seating provides comfortable, inviting places to read and work, while height adjustable tables allow students who benefit from movement to change positions



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without losing focus. Furniture selections balance comfort, durability, and refinement, reinforcing an elevated, collegiate atmosphere. Architectural wood elements complement and enhance the space and connection to the surrounding grounds. A palette of soft colors was used to create a calm atmosphere while pops of color bring in a sense of fun for students and faculty alike.

### Facilitating Cross-pollination

The Siadat Faculty Collaboration Center strengthens collaboration among faculty across all three divisions. Offering professional spaces for preparation, meetings, shared learning, and informal interaction, the Center encourages connections beyond traditional departmental boundaries. Paul Beekmeyer, Head of Upper School and School Leadership, notes, “Students don’t learn in boxes—they learn in cross-disciplinary ways. If teachers can’t connect, our students won’t get the quality education we want to provide.” Flexible furniture solutions support both formal and informal collaboration, helping faculty share ideas more effectively, which ultimately creates a richer educational experience for the students. Abundant natural light pours through large windows, enhancing the sense of openness and connection to the outdoors and Southern charm.

### Partnering for Success

Together the Stern Family Learning Center and the Siadat Faculty Collaboration Center were created to support Saint Andrew’s School’s commitment to holistic education, flexibility, and community. As Nicole Tropeano, Director of Special Projects explains “It was important to have partners that also demonstrated these values. Global’s

willingness to collaborate, take feedback, and ensure the highest level of quality was exceptional and brought a true sense of professionalism to the final result.” Paul adds, “This building shows our commitment to creating a top learning environment today and into the future.”

#### FEATURED PRODUCTS:

River™ and River+™ lounge, Princeton™ planter, Stream™ guest, Drift™ lounge and tables, Prefer™ task, Swap tables, Sidebar™, Collaborative Spaces™ system, GC Primacare™ recliner

ARCHITECT: Centerbrook Architects & Planners

DESIGNER: PGAL

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