

RENFWOW HALL

A DESTINATION FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

NAMED IN HONOR OF EDITH RENFWOW SMITH '37

LOCATION & PURPOSE

Situated at the intersection of Sixth Avenue and Broad Street in downtown Grinnell, Renfrow Hall is a groundbreaking facility that bridges Grinnell College and the town of Grinnell. Designed to foster collaboration between students and the broader community, the building features:

- Four stories and 125,000 square feet of space
- Two towers connected by a crossover loggia

LIVING & LEARNING

The hall's design encourages a unique blend of living and learning, making it a destination for aspiring and experienced coalition-builders. It also serves as the home base for Grinnell College's Social Innovator in Residence program, where students engage with leaders driving social change and civic engagement. Renfrow Hall offers:

- Apartment-style living
 - 28 student apartments with 110 beds
- Single and double bedrooms within each apartment
- Full kitchens within each apartment
- Shared laundry room on second floor
- Gathering spaces and nooks

SUSTAINABILITY FEATURES

Renfrow Hall embodies Grinnell College's commitment to sustainability through:

- **Energy Efficiency:** High-efficiency glazing, LED lighting, heat recovery systems, sun shading, and a reflective roof minimize energy consumption.
- **Water Conservation:** A 10,000-gallon cistern and low-flow fixtures reduce water usage, while biophilic design elements such as living walls enhance wellness.
- **Transportation:** The hall promotes sustainable travel with indoor bike racks and proximity to the Grinnell College Shuttle.
- **Renewable Energy:** Connected to a 4 MW solar farm, the hall integrates renewable energy into its operations.
- **Stormwater Management:** A 3,600-square-foot green roof mitigates stormwater runoff and provides insulation.

KATHERINE "KATHIE" HOWELL WEINGART '61 CIVIC INNOVATION PAVILION

The Weingart Pavilion within Renfrow Hall is designed to foster community engagement and features:

- Flexible, light-filled space ideal for gatherings, workshops, and events
- Seating capacity: 50–60 people; standing capacity: 90
- Features advanced audio-visual technology, including digital displays, projection capacity, ceiling speakers, and microphones
- Equipped with a hearing loop for enhanced accessibility
- Catering kitchenette includes an efficiency sink and serving space
- Indoor garden serves as a year-round counterpart to Grinnell's Central Park, reinforcing the connection to nature and community

PROJECT PARTNERS

- OPN Architects
- Weitz Construction

