

STUDENT LIFE & ACADEMICS 5,000-20,000 SQ.FT.

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PROJECT TITLE: (Richardson Hall Renovation)

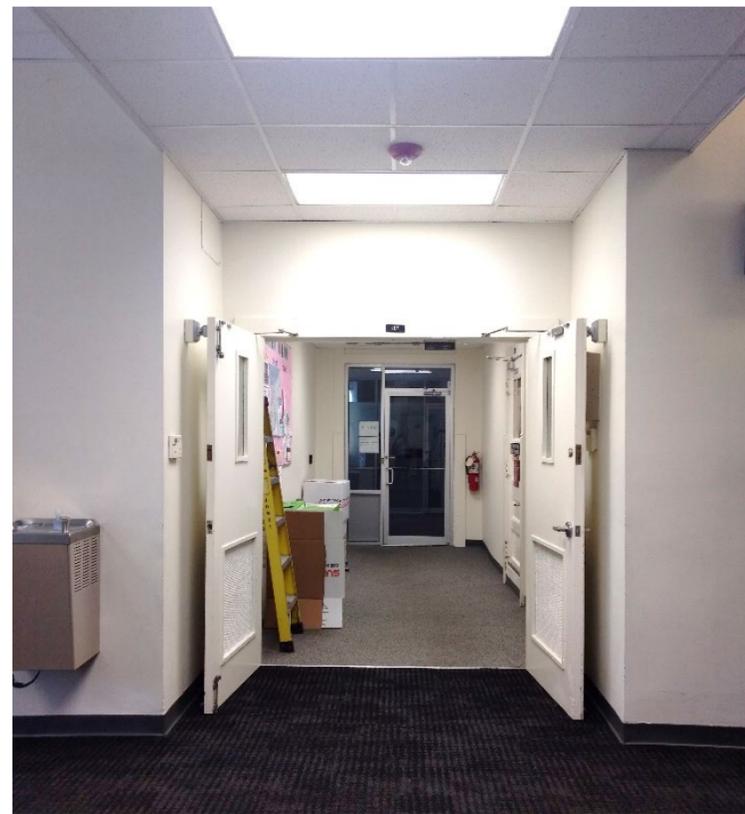
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PROJECT STATEMENT: The interior renovation is located within one of the campus' oldest structures, built in 1894. Over the years, the building had been retrofitted haphazardly, and those changes became outdated. The result was cave-like and dingy spaces that were unwelcoming. The project architects and university staff teamed up to modernize the function, upgrade code requirements, and respectfully rehabilitate the building's legacy. The renovation's scope included building infrastructure upgrades, interior finish renovation, new lighting, furniture, and technology. The success of the design is a cohesive layout with key moments throughout the design that reveal glimpses of the building's historic "bones" that had been covered up. The interior details are overlaid with the clean, modern surfaces and spaces that form the new center. The design strips back layers of renovations to reveal the original timber frame, highlighting the layering of new and old. A skylight between two historic additions floods the double-height space with light. This light-filled space, with its wide ground-floor corridor and second-story bridge, forms the organizing feature of the project.

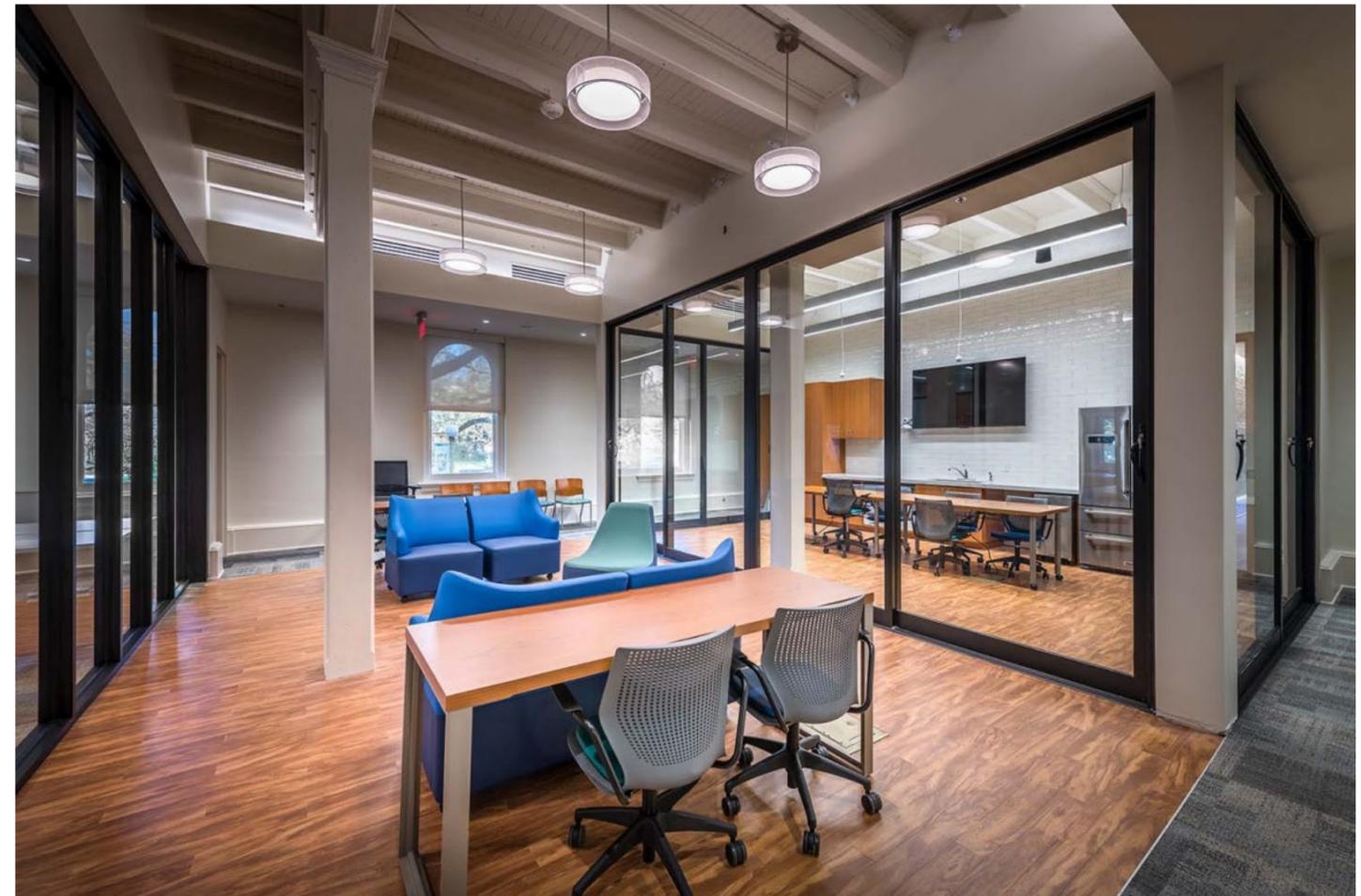
The university interior designer worked closely with the design team to replace small dated private offices with wellness centered spaces such as lounges, event spaces, learning centers, and a prayer room. The furniture was carefully selected to ensure flexibility without sacrificing comfort. Classroom desks are mobile, and lounge pieces can be rearranged based on student use needs. The nine-million-dollar renovation transformed the suppressive atmosphere to one of welcomed comfort and support. The balance of open and flexible spaces, along with the combination of new and old materials, contribute to a bright and inclusive space.

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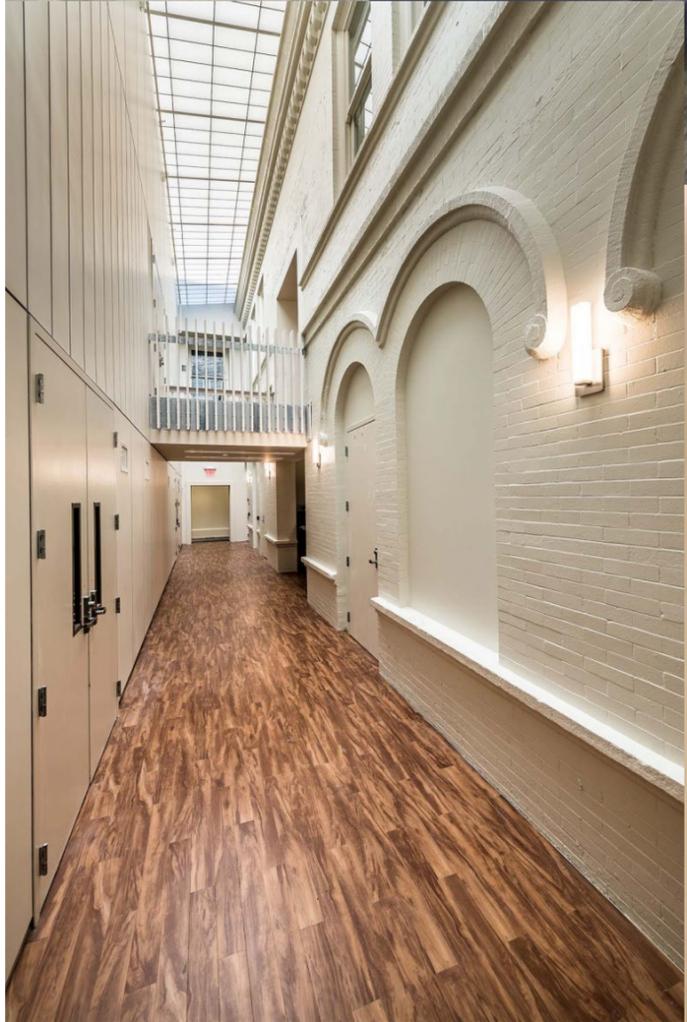
One special department is now housed on the first floor called the "Center for Academic Equity and Intercultural Life". The center incorporates the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Religious Life, and the Office for Gender and Sexual Diversity, providing a unique opportunity to explore diversity and inclusion in an architectural context. The new center serves under-represented and non-traditional students and acts as the hub of diverse cultural, social, and intellectual life at Tulane. "Open conversations" became a theme of the first floor's design. The intent is to encourage students to gather and hold conversations. Students now have a safe space to relax, learn and embrace themselves.



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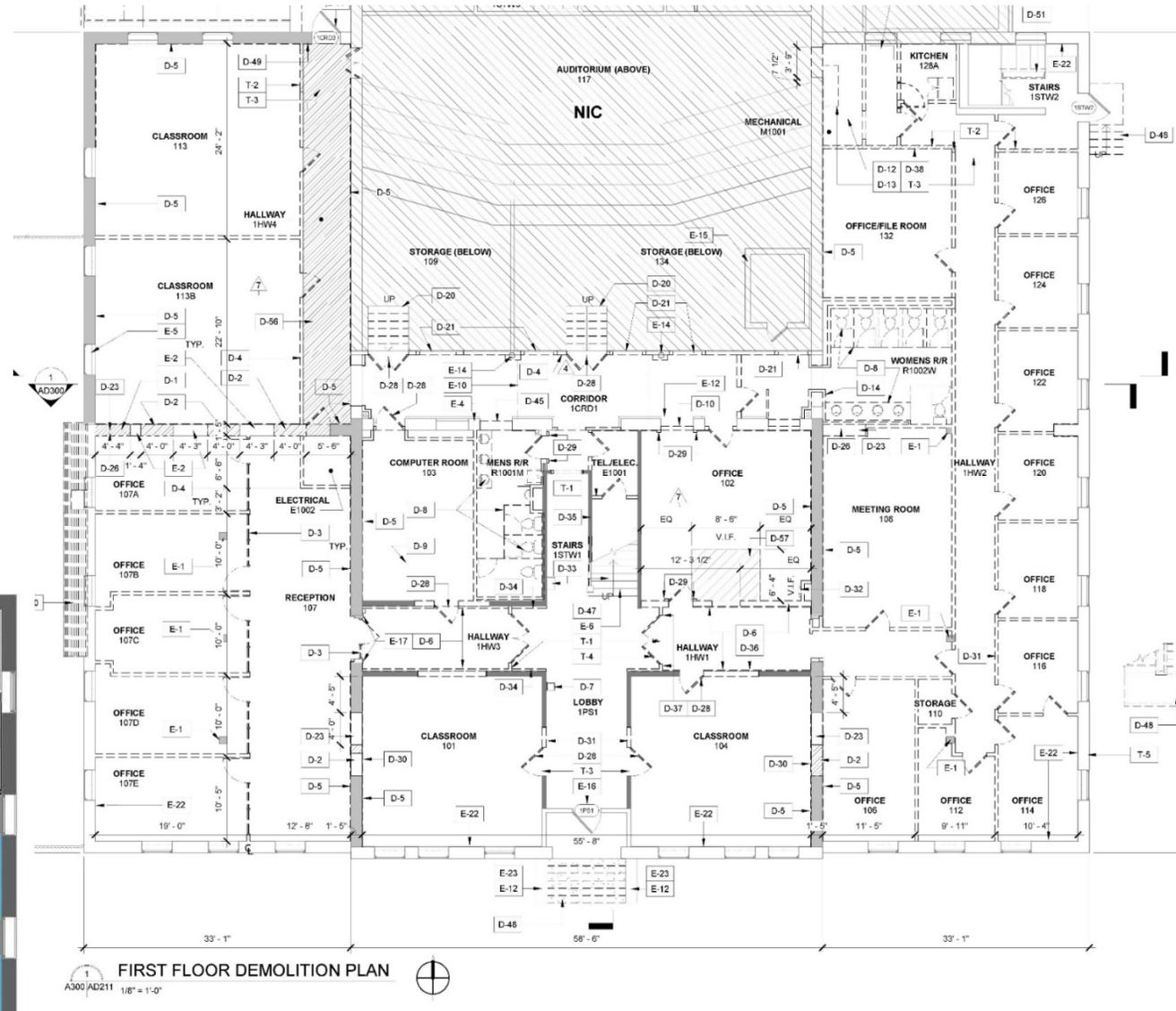
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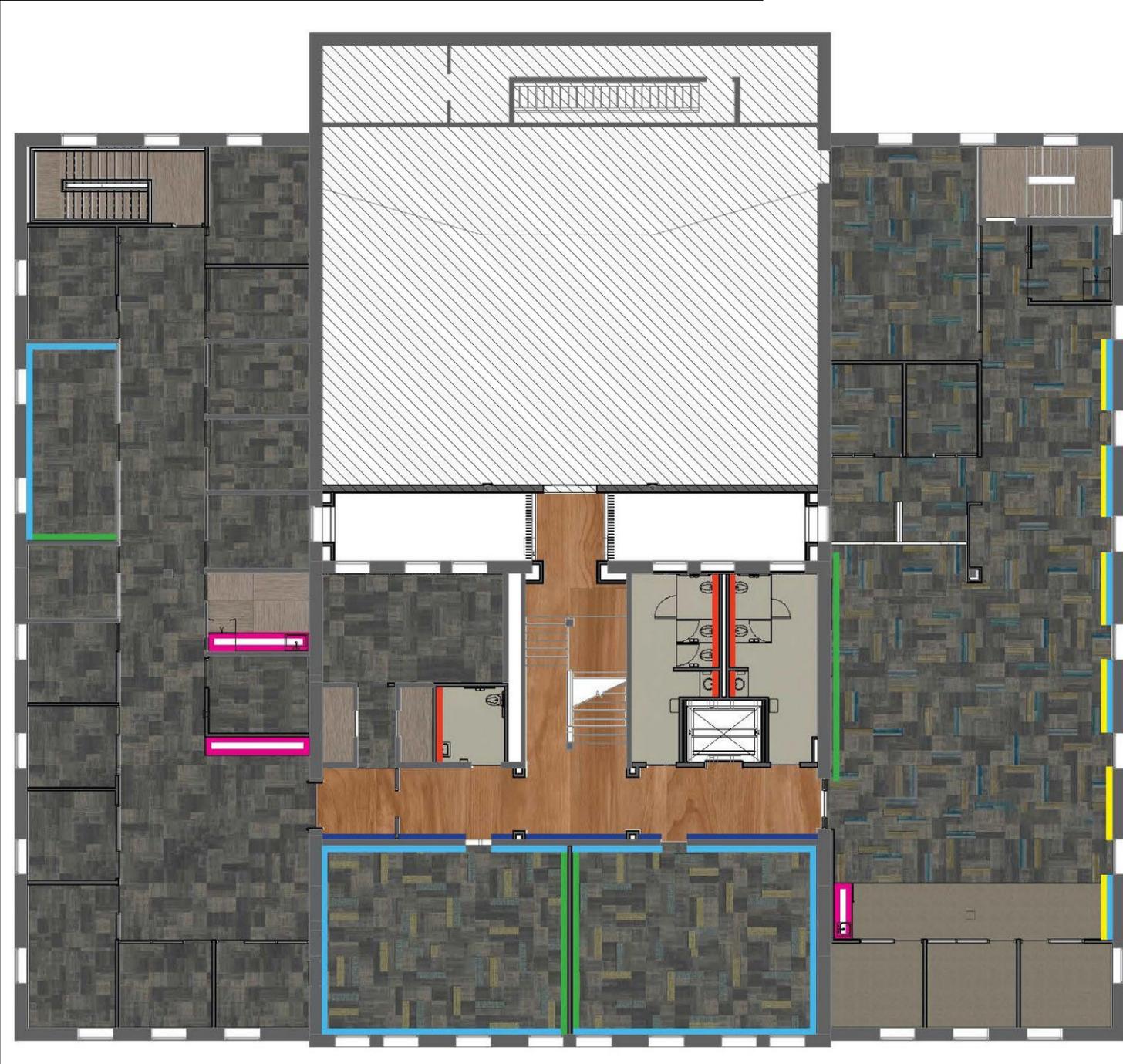
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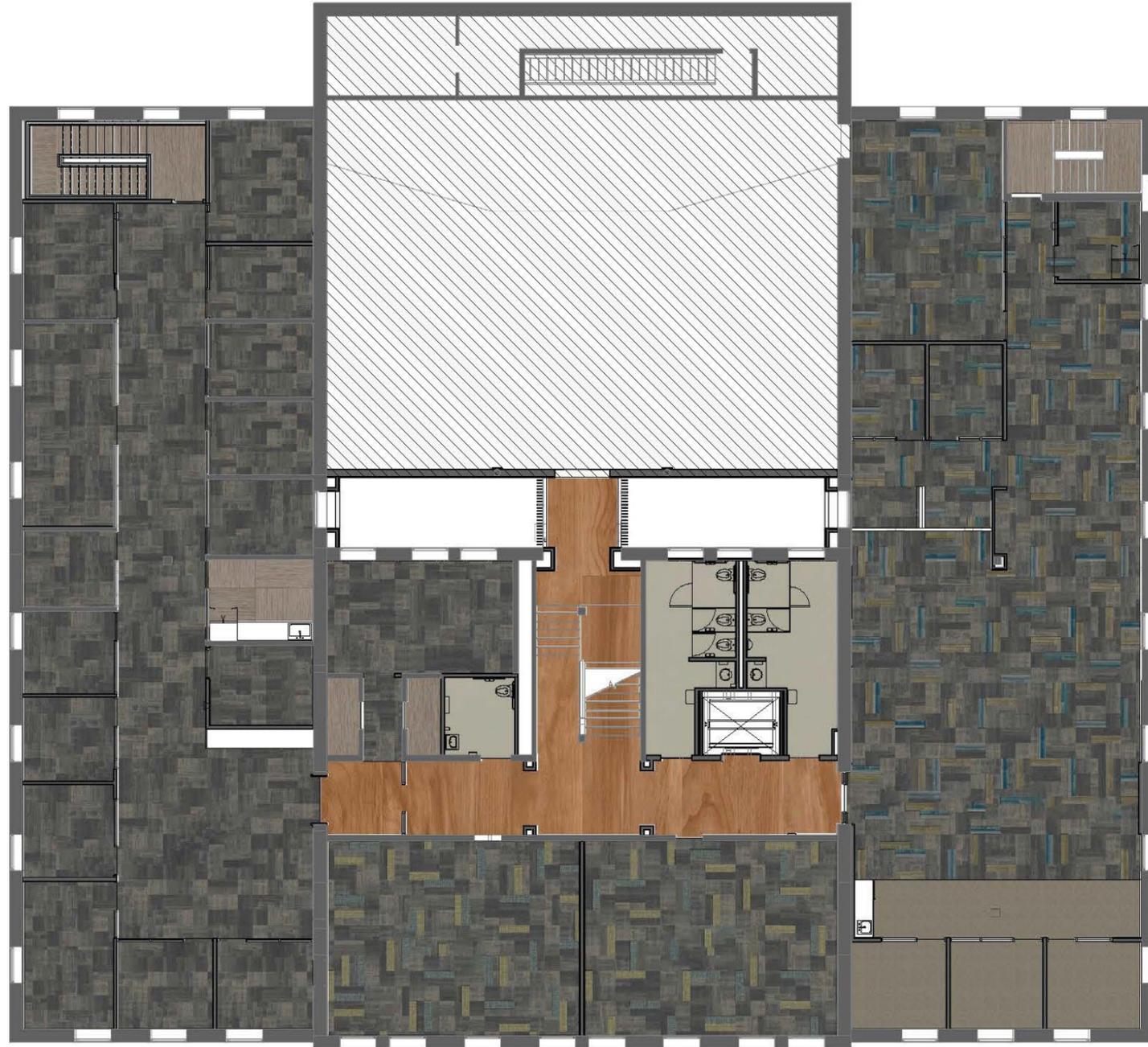
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- PROJECT COORDINATION AND REVIEW

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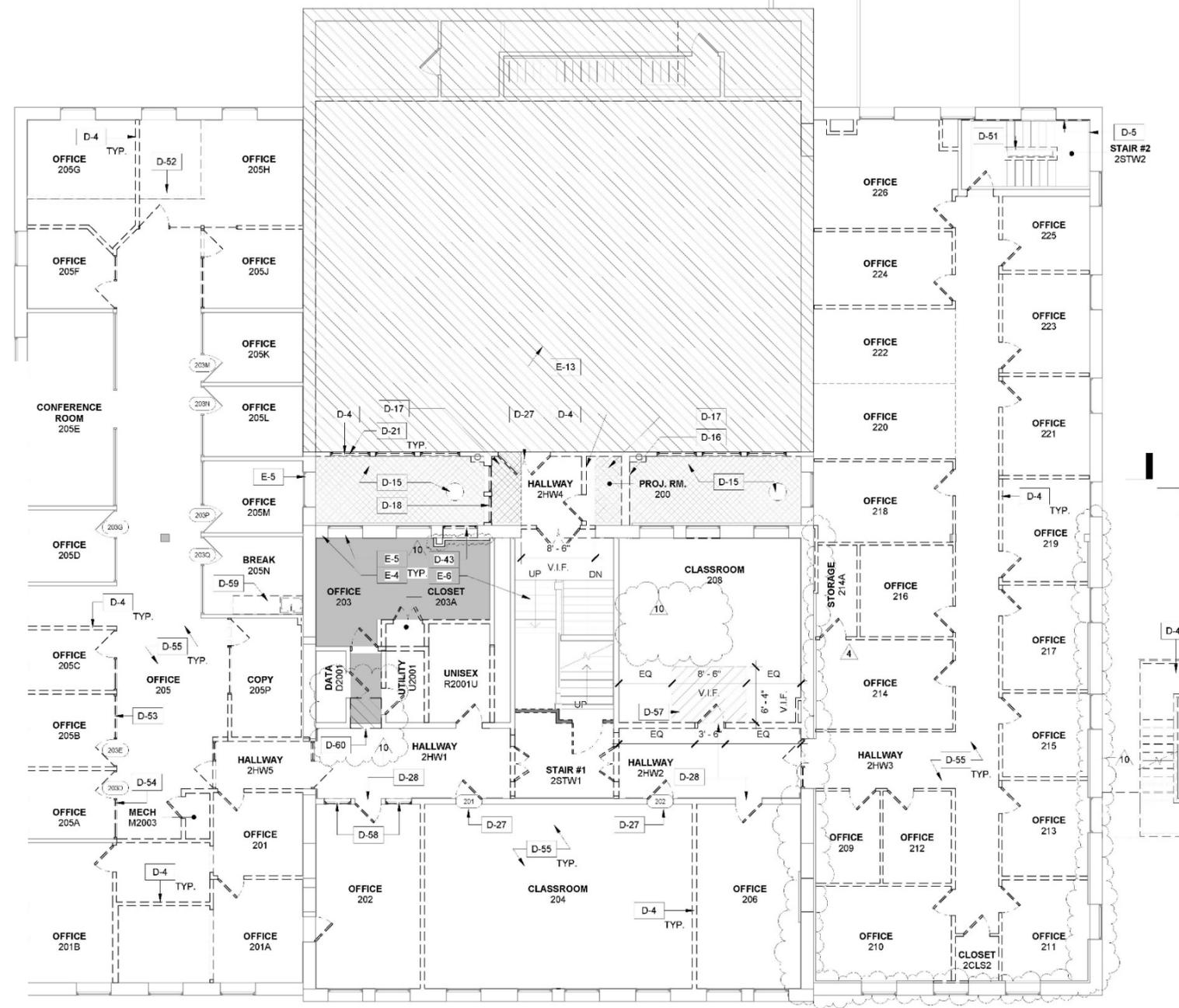


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SECOND FLOOR DEMOLITION PLAN
 212 1/8" = 1'-0"

