

UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND (UNCF)

Washington, DC

Size

50,000 square feet

Project Highlights

Headquarters relocation to downtown enables UNCF to better serve their community; “College Knowledge Center” interactive learning environment hosts students for educational opportunities; Conference center and college presidents facility; Collaboration with base building architect to design the space from the inside-out.; Glass-front offices and glass partition panels on workstations, maximizing daylight and city views; Multi-sized conference rooms and collaboration zones; Extensive programming studies resulted in the rebranding and refocusing of organization; Open and flexible space with increased employee amenities

Services Provided

Full interior design and architecture; Workplace strategies; Master planning; Furniture specifications





The United Negro College Fund has begun to re-brand itself as UNCF to better communicate that their mission includes all races. UNCF decided to enhance their mission by moving their headquarters from Fairfax, VA to Washington, DC. This move enables them to better serve the people of their community.

UNCF created a College Knowledge Center to host students from all over the region and educate them about their higher education opportunities. The center also allows the students to apply for colleges electronically.

IA performed an extensive programming exercise to determine how to best meet the organization's needs, as well as re-brand and refocus the organization. IA conducted client interviews with various departments and on-site visits of as-built conditions to design a flexible, yet tailored solution for UNCF's unique requirements.

IA collaborated with the base building architect to design the space from the inside out. Designing a building with an accommodating floor plate was an integral part of the design solution. The design of the space allows for open communication between the various groups within the organization. The space is flexible, with glass-front offices, multi-sized conference rooms and increased employee amenities.

