

CASE STUDY

Landmark College Dining Area + Classroom Redesign

Creating Inclusive Environments to
Foster Community, Learning, and Comfort

19 River Road South, Putney, VT 05346

450 Students
9,000 sq. ft.





CLIENT OVERVIEW

Landmark College, located in Putney, Vermont, is a nationally recognized leader in higher education for students with learning disabilities and those who learn differently. With a low student-to-faculty ratio, individualized instruction, and an environment built around support, the college empowers students to thrive academically, socially, and personally.

Landmark's mission extends into every facet of campus life, including residential, social, and communal spaces. Landmark sought to update its dining hall, lounges, and specialized spaces to better serve its students, reflecting the school's commitment to offering inclusive and engaging environments for all.

PROJECT SCOPE

The project centered on the renovation of Landmark's dining hall, which seats 350 students and features a striking rounded wall of floor-to-ceiling windows, allowing natural light to brighten the space. In addition to the dining hall, Exterus furnished the game room, common lounge areas, and specialty learning areas including rooms dedicated to DEI, esports, and the LGBTQIA+ community.

The furniture solutions needed to support Landmark's student body by balancing comfort, accessibility, and modern design. For the dining hall, KI tables and chairs were paired with Studio



TK workshop tables to encourage both group interaction and individual comfort. Across social spaces, KI lounge furniture created zones where students could connect and unwind. ADA accessibility and inclusivity were essential considerations in every space.

PROCESS

Exterus' existing relationship with Landmark College expanded to the campus dining area in 2024. The process of outfitting the dining area began with tailoring a preliminary layout developed by an external design firm to Landmark's needs, and integrating furniture solutions that achieved functional goals and matched the college's branding.

Exterus also leveraged KI's Live & Learn initiative, which allows colleges and universities to test-drive furniture for 30 days and provide feedback. At Landmark, this meant trialing neurodivergent-focused designs inside classrooms, followed by surveys that gathered faculty and student input to inform final selections.

Throughout the process, Exterus collaborated closely with the Landmark team to ensure the finished spaces aligned with the college's mission of accessibility, community, and innovation.

OUTCOME

The result is a modern, bright, and inclusive environment that enhances both social connection and individual comfort. The dining hall's fresh and inviting atmosphere now complements its architectural openness, while the lounges and learning areas provide flexible zones where students can gather, play, or simply share space.

By combining KI's research-driven furniture solutions with Landmark's commitment to supporting neurodiverse learners, Exterus helped create spaces that are not only functional but also deeply aligned with the college's identity.

