

Rice University Brochstein Pavilion

HOUSTON, TEXAS

YEAR	2007-2008
SIZE	5.14 acres
USE	Pavilion with flexible garden rooms for socialization, events, and academic instruction



Developed as a key element of the “Vision for the Second Century” strategic plan, the Brochstein Pavilion has transformed Rice University’s central quadrangle into the social center of the campus. The 6,000-SF pavilion offers light refreshments and features a 10,000-SF covered outdoor terrace.

“The award-winning landscape design of the Brochstein Pavilion, including a newly-constructed café and central gathering space, introduced a wonderful water feature and movable furniture to Rice. The furniture concept has been enthusiastically embraced by students, faculty & visitors, which we are now implementing in other key areas of the campus.”

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AWARDS

2010	American Society of Landscape Architects, National Honor Award for Design
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2010	AS&U Landscape Architectural Citation
2009	ASLA Texas Chapter Honor Award, Design

- + A grove of 48 Allée lacebark elms responds to the grid of the building and organizes the space
- + Matching fountains define the space under the canopy, and movable seating accommodates impromptu gatherings of students and faculty.
- + 91 existing trees were kept on site and 69 new trees were planted, which contributes to the sequestration of 19,200 pounds of carbon annually.
- + Shade seating and a water feature were introduced to reduce the temperature of the outdoor study space and provide moments of respite.