

Western Michigan University Central Kohrman Hall

1903 west michigan ave. | kalamazoo, michigan 49008



Project Delivery
Construction Manager

Project Size
29,140 SF

Use Type
Research/ Production –
New Construction

Owner
Western Michigan University
1903 Western Michigan Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Architect
Progressive AE
1811 4 Mile Rd. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

In collaboration with local businesses, Western Michigan University has created an industrial design program at their Kalamazoo campus. WMU partnered with AVB to renovate the first and third floors of Central Kohrman Hall to meet the needs of the new program.

The new program required a complete gut of the first and third floors to create new, state-of-the-art spaces. The first floor includes administrative offices, exhibit space and presentation classroom. Two fully working shops also comprise the first floor – a more traditional style shop with large machines, and one to support the more sophisticated needs of innovative technology.

The third floor was redefined into three high-tech studio spaces to support students and staff. Each studio is broken up between individual work stations and group collaboration space. A classroom fills the center of the floor with floor-to-ceiling marker board walls on either side. Faculty offices are also located on the third floor to facilitate interaction between staff and students.



Interior



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Exterior Before



Exterior After



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