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Residence Halls
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Type of School and
Grades Served:
College, Post-secondary
Capacity: 340 students
Size of Site: 4.1 acres

Area of Building:
130,681 square feet

Volume of Building:
342,811 cubic feet

Space per Student:
384 square feet

Cost per Student: \$80,000

Square Foot Cost: \$232

Cost of Construction: \$29 million

Total Project Cost: \$32 million

Contract Date: Feb. 2007

Completion Date: Aug. 2008

Houston Baptist University Residential College

Houston, Texas

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Houston Baptist University's Lake House Residence College is the first component of a plan to support the growth and enhance the experience of HBU's undergraduate community. The Lake House was designed to encourage the development of a student community within the building.

Six basic suite types on each floor provide a variety of accommodations for freshmen and upperclass students. "Front porches"—widening of the corridor outside each unit—encourage casual interaction. Other amenities—including study rooms, a



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prayer chapel, a parlor, an activity lounge/laundry room, a vending area, a fitness facility, and outdoor terraces—provide places for students to interact and develop a sense of community.

The six-story building includes 95 units with 340 beds. Freshman suites include

five single rooms or three double rooms, plus two bathrooms. Accommodations for upperclassmen include one- and two-bedroom apartments. Each floor also has three resident advisor units.

The plan of the building is curved to reduce its apparent length. The design reflects the

architectural vernacular of the campus through the use of brick and stone and a metal hipped roof. An oval pond complements the curvilinear facade of the building, and an adjacent outdoor plaza and shade structure provide a setting for outdoor social events. ■

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