

Slowe Hall | Washington, DC



**1919 3rd Street, NW,
Washington, DC**

81,648 Square Feet

**Multifamily
Renovation
Restoration
Historic**

Slowe Hall, built in 1942 in the LeDroit Park, was a dormitory housing single African American women supporting the war efforts. It was acquired by Howard University for student housing. Howard University and a development partner transformed Slowe Hall into market-rate apartments.

Slowe Hall has a figure-eight plan with two courtyards and nine different elevations on the first floor, which posed a significant design challenge. Built before accessibility requirements, the use of cumbersome mechanical lifts was necessary. The restoration improved access by replacing five of the six lifts with ramps and infill. The entry had numerous elevation changes and an enclosed stair tower blocked the view to the courtyards, an asset the team wanted to highlight. We embraced the opaque mass of stairwell by building onto it to create a larger gesture within the space.

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