

Career Planning and Placement Center

University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California



The historic Gwynn Wilson Student Union Building was constructed in 1926. The scope consisted of seismic repair and tenant improvements of basement level to locate the new Career Planning and Placement Center. API was involved from the initial stages of Programming and Master Planning to the final stages of design, documentation and Interior Design. The challenge of this project was that the basement was originally designed as a bookstore storage without adequate headroom and HVAC. The problem was compounded by addition of numerous pipes and conduits throughout the years. API turned obstacles into design opportunities and, by use of varying ceiling heights, special lighting and glass block, created a pleasant space enjoyed by corporate donors, benefactors, students, faculty and the staff.

