

AWARD OF
CITATION
for Effective Lighting in a Compromised Space

Friends Seminary Dining Hall
New York, NY

LIGHTING DESIGN
PHT Lighting Design
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Friends Seminary needed to renovate their 25 year-old cafeteria, creating a dining area with an open kitchen. With the low ceiling constraining the space, an angled ceiling was created, maximizing the height to seven-feet nine-inches at center, angling down to accommodate the HVAC system at the sides. A random pattern of fluorescent fixtures with perforated baffles spread across the ceiling, following the angled ceiling. Perforations allow light to spill onto the ceiling, reducing contrast between task and ceiling surfaces while preventing high-angle glare. Vertical wall-mounted strips illuminate the end walls. Colored floor tiles mirror the fixture pattern above, tying the space together.

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Before

After



“The lighting solves a difficult problem of low, angled ceilings in an intelligent manner by creating the perception of more space.”
— *Lumen Awards Jury*

