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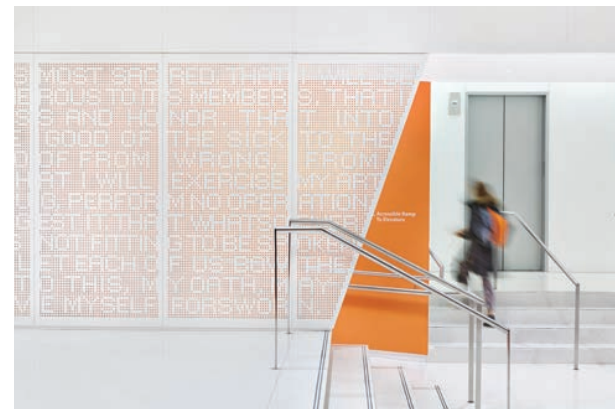
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The Roy and Diana Vagelos Education Center

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The discreet architectural lighting design for this medical research and teaching facility emphasizes the vertical reorganization of typical learning spaces. Reflecting the client's goal of a holistic learning environment that inspires collaboration, interior lighting highlights the wrapping wood and white plaster surfaces that connect the cascading spaces on the south side of the building – without creating trespass glare in a primarily residential neighborhood.

The sloped entry soffit is uplit from exterior in-grade accent lights, drawing visitors in and up through the public study spaces, classrooms, lounges, and outdoor terraces. Custom in-grade fixtures with five individual 3W gimbal heads highlight the wood lining as it transitions into ceilings, walls, stairs, and floors. The fixtures are integrated into a service band along the glass façade, adding a soft uplight to further emphasize the cascading spaces.

Interior circulation zones are illuminated by spill light from a series of stacked rooms with a translucent frit on the dividing walls, creating a glowing central core. Small-aperture accents provide task lighting for the group study spaces, while daylight sensors automatically adjust sun shades and light levels.

Enhancing the architect's dramatic gestures of floating balconies and sloping surfaces, the unobtrusive lighting approach conveys openness and connectivity.

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