



Purdue University Calumet

The newly constructed Purdue University Calumet Academic Learning Center in Merrillville, Indiana is a state-of-the-art facility. When it came time to select furniture for the facility's two lecture halls, Phil Brown, Director of Purchasing at the University explained, specific table and swing-away seating criteria had to be met (see Project Parameters at left).

The Cachet Swing-Away was first identified as an option for these criteria by representatives from Lincoln Office. "The Cachet Swing-Away's sleek design, **comfort** and **versatility**, coupled with its durability and quality, made it a true standout," said Randy Jones, Lincoln Office Indiana Field Sales Manager.

He explained that a number of **specific features**, including the chair's flip-up arms, 360-degree swivel and its ability to withstand high-volume use added to its appeal. "These features, combined with the **quality and durability** of the American Seating classroom tables provided an outstanding value for Purdue University Calumet. The Cachet Swing-Away also supported the design of the Learning Center by providing the **high-tech aesthetic** the University was committed to."

The true test, however, came when the students began using the new classrooms. "**The response has been overwhelmingly positive**," Jones explained. "Students really appreciate the balanced action rocker mechanism which automatically adjusts to the way you sit and supports healthy sitting. The flip-up arms make it very easy to enter and exit the chair. And finally, the glass-filled nylon frame and polypropylene construction provide uncommon comfort and add to the product's durability and lifespan."

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Key Challenges

- Furnish two lecture halls in a new facility
- Provide students a high-tech, focused learning experience

Project Parameters

- 25' deep fixed tables with a swing-away seating solution.
- Tables were to be laminate top with PVC edge and had to include modesty panels, provisions for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) locations and power stations for computer use.