In the 1960s, a generation of Baby Boomers was encouraged to embrace cultural change with the phrase “turn on, tune in, drop out.” Forty years later, changes in technology and cultural communication have altered the phrase to “power up, connect, hang out.”

Generation Y has grown up in a world of increasing social interaction and collaboration. This is as natural to them as the rotary dial telephone was to their grandparents, but with a greater level of connectivity to friends and interaction with their social networks.

It’s no longer enough to find a local coffee shop in order to plug into the world surrounding this generation, also known as the Millennials. Their expectation is that any environment will provide the digital and social interaction necessary. It’s as basic as the air they breathe and more essential than the gasoline that powers their car. They’re always connected.

Cultural norms have evolved into a highly integrated method of communication. This is powered by fast-moving technology, where discussion, problem solving, and everyday conversation create the foundation for learning and societal advancement.

Against this backdrop, colleges and universities are adapting educational and classroom environments which align with these new cultural norms. At all levels of education, classroom learning is pivoting away from lecture, or one way sharing of information, to a completely contemporary version of the Socratic Method. An instructor, no longer stationary, moves throughout a classroom which has been designed to facilitate active and continuous participation between students and the subject matter.

The environment plays an important role in the active learning process through the use of space layout and furniture design. Each is adapted for student-to-student and student-to-teacher social interaction in the classroom, the cafeteria, the library, and informal learning areas like student unions.

Falcon provides technology-driven and research-based solutions for colleges and universities. No matter how much or how little space is required, no matter what technological functionality is needed, Falcon furniture is highly customizable – a plus for the institution, instructors and students.
“Teamwork and group problem-solving are very important skills for exploring concepts outside of a lecture and help me to learn more effectively.”

Samantha Rigsby, Engineering Undergrad
From a study at N.C. State University, collaborative classrooms have a failure rate that is approximately 75% less than traditional classrooms.

Today, these environments foster multiple conversations, lively discussions, and social networks which encourage learning. Many studies have reported great improvement in overall student learning within environments that feature highly active and collaborative atmospheres.

A recent study at North Carolina State University reported that test scores and class rankings were higher after moving from passive learning environments to active learning environments. In some early tests, student failure rates in active learning environments have dropped by 75 percent when compared with traditional classrooms.

These environments, facilitated by functional space layout and Falcon’s state-of-the-art furniture design, allow students to collaborate, creating better understanding and learning.

Falcon’s CURV, MATS, and Syntech Table Collections can be configured for today’s active learning environments. The flexible and myriad shapes allow classrooms to transition from passive lecture approaches to classrooms that support multiple types of learning: immersive, blended, integrated, and collaborative.

It is the Falcon design that allows students to do what comes naturally: power up, connect, hang out. Falcon furniture can be customized for any space and any technology need, making the product at once unique, functional and stylish for any campus.
**FALCON CURV**

**CURV** is a unique table system, utilizing a variety of shapes and integrated power options to enhance collaboration in today’s active learning environments. Table top power spheres allow students to plug in and power up their iPads, laptops, and other tablet devices from the moment they are seated.

Falcon’s Wave tables are flexible systems that provide multiple and customizable configuration options, designed to accommodate the evolving conditions within the active learning environment.

**FEATURES**
- Left and Right, Tear Drop, and Wave Shapes
- Four columns with adjustable glides

**OPTIONS**
- 42” and 29.5” Heights
- Tear Drop available as X base with casters or disc base
- Integrated power management
- Powdercoat or Chrome base finishes
MATS table system has a wide variety of features and options to suit any learning configuration. Freestanding and portable MATS are ideal for collaborative, flexible environments, while shared leg versions support training room applications. The permanent mount table and seats are appropriate for lecture halls.

MATS has many power choices to support today’s technology, both hardwired and portable options, including USB 2.0 and iPod/iPad connections for tuned in students. Power and data are available on the work surface, so students can plug in hassle free. MATS features wire galleries that provide for separation between power and data. Availability of back-to-back power distribution reduces cost by powering only one row. All MATS tables feature a variety of leg finishes, laminates, edge color choices, and edge profiles.

FEATURES
29” high starter and add on tables
Stationary
Shared Legs
Freestanding
Grommet
Technology Support Gallery
Integrated Vertical Wire Management Column

OPTIONS
Divider Screen
**Syntech** is a contemporary table system, flexible enough to be used in classrooms, training rooms, or meeting rooms. Cantilever or symmetrical leg options allow the product to be used with standard rectangular tops or applied to free-form shaped tops. These options help foster collaborative environments. The design can be freestanding or utilize a shared leg configuration, designed to reduce leg obstructions and cost. The extruded aluminum column has integrated power management and features several power options. Syntech is available in a variety of metal finishes, laminate and edge colors, and several edge profiles.

**FEATURES**
- Includes symmetrical or cantilever legs
- Grade 3 powdercoat standard
- Grade 1 laminate standard
- Several optional power solutions available
- Does not include Modesty Panel
- Complete Network Pod includes 3 tables and bases

**OPTIONS**
- Casters
- 24” Mesh Wireway Bag
- GRM3 Grommet
Active and social learning doesn’t end when students leave the classroom. Today’s learning environments extend to every part of the campus, including the cafeteria, where students recharge before heading off to their next assignment.

Today’s college cafeteria is usually the social hub of the campus. Food may be the centerpiece, but it’s about creating an informal setting where learning continues individually or in groups.

Falcon’s COMIDA™, Community Dining Applications, creates that signature space to unwind and re-energize, a space to work, meet and greet, and a space that sets a student’s best ideas free.

Booth or chair? An endless question and Falcon has answers for both that meet the needs of today’s multitasking, on-the-go student.

Booths provide comfort and privacy, as well as opportunities to stretch design dramatically in shape and in color. All Falcon booths are available with power options and in multiple fabrics, sizes, shapes, and configurations.
COMIDA™ Community Tables and Seating, as well as Cyber Tall, provide the option of standing or sitting, while keeping students connected when catching a quick bite.

Falcon features a broad selection of dining seating, both wood and metal, suitable for any campus dining application. Options range from traditional seat height to counter stools or bar-stools, featuring multiple finish and fabric combinations.

The recycled cast iron and welded steel table bases in the COMIDA™ line come in varied styles and shapes, with unlimited finishes. Falcon table tops are manufactured with recycled core and high-quality hardwoods, ready to withstand heavy use while showing off style and flair.

Falcon Products are designed to fit each learning space on campus and the COMIDA™ collection of products offers premium functionality and flexibility. Every campus is different, the active and social learning needs of each student body is unique. Falcon will custom fit that special space, working with most any material, finish, or specification — all that’s needed is a photograph, a sketch, or a CAD drawing.
In the active and social learning environment, library and student union spaces are natural extensions of the classroom setting. They are used for individual methods of study or to foster group discussions.

It’s important in these informational common areas to have the capability to push student learning in new and creative ways.

The furniture and layout form a physical foundation for enhanced learning techniques. It’s the multifunctional aspect to Falcon Products that allow these campus settings to be easily adapted to the many ways a library or student union may be used on any given day.

Falcon’s custom solutions provide quiet, collaborative spaces.
Falcon’s **Verona™** is a collection of ergonomically superior, stackable chairs, which feature back alignment and support that automatically adjusts to the size of the user. For spaces that need to be reconfigured, the tough tubular steel frame chairs stack six high and are available with casters. **Verona’s™** ergonomically contoured task chairs provide ease of movement, exceptional comfort, and pneumatic seat height adjustment.
Contact us for more information about our extensive line of furniture, designed to adapt to the needs of the contemporary college campus and the rapidly evolving active learning environment.

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