The Inquiry Collaborative will serve as Cate’s new academic hub for learning, innovation, and exploration. By supporting an infrastructure for ideation and fabrication, Cate will empower students’ ability to solve multi-faceted problems by leveraging the latest tools and technologies. The Co-Lab will feature an ideation lab, computational thinking classroom, digital arts lab, and a creation courtyard adjacent to the ceramics studio.

The historic Raymond Commons and adjoining McIntosh Room were designed by renowned architect Reginald Johnson and served as Cate’s dining room and living room for nearly 100 years. With the evolution of student and community needs, these spaces will be transformed to ignite synergy and experiential learning that is flexible for a variety of student-centered activities.

Overlooking the Pacific Ocean and magnificent vistas, an indoor/outdoor reading room with natural light and comfortable seating will be inviting for students and faculty alike. Cate’s reimagined library will provide a variety of study pods for quiet and energetic study. The Inquiry Collaborative will support interdisciplinary studies at the intersection of computational thinking, design, engineering, and the arts.

The revitalization of Raymond Commons into the Inquiry Collaborative is vital to Cate’s future and strategically responds to the evolving educational needs of our students.