

= Lathrop House (Vassar College) =

Lathrop House (known officially as Edward Lathrop House) was the third quadrangle dormitory built on Vassar College 's campus in the town of Poughkeepsie , New York . Constructed in 1901 and designed by Boston @-@ based Allen & Vance , the brick dorm stands five stories tall . Lathrop houses 180 students who may be any grade or gender .

= = History = =

Lathrop House was the third residential quadrangle (quad) dormitory built on the campus of Vassar College in the town of Poughkeepsie , New York . The college built Lathrop during a period of rapid dorm construction spanning 1893 ? 1902 during which the older seminary @-@ style model of housing ? a single large hall in which all a college 's residents lived , in Vassar 's case Main Building ? was quickly waning in popularity in favor of smaller individual houses . The project began with the opening of Strong House in 1893 and continued with Raymond House in 1897 ; Lathrop followed in 1901 , and Davison House 's erection completed the quad in 1902 . Construction of the dorm was paid for with Vassar 's funds , unlike Strong House which had been paid for by a gift from John D. Rockefeller .

The dormitory is named after Dr. Edward Lathrop , one of Vassar 's charter trustees , and carries the full name Edward Lathrop House . Lathrop 's daughter , Julia , was a graduate of the Vassar class of 1880 .

In 1979 , the Intercultural Center , a multicultural student space , moved into Lathrop in spite of initial disagreement by members of the house two years earlier when the idea was first proposed . The Intercultural Center later moved out of Lathrop 's basement and into its own dedicated space in the early 1990s , at which point it was replaced by a Jewish co @-@ op and kitchen . In 1995 , the Kosher Co @-@ Op moved out of Lathrop and into a newly acquired Jewish house across the street from the college .

= = Architecture and features = =

Lathrop was designed by the Boston architectural firm of Francis Richmond Allen and J. McArthur Vance who were also responsible for the design of its neighbor , Davison House , in 1902 . Formulating a design for these two buildings was not difficult as a template had already been set by way of the preexisting Strong and Raymond Houses . Frederick Law Olmsted , a consultant of design for the college , recommended that any new dorms in the area be built in an " echelon formation " in order to provide for a greater sense of openness . Allen disregarded this advice , instead opting to place the dorm , along with Davison , in " two long unbroken rows of buildings on the bias " . Lathrop was ultimately placed north of Strong , across the quad to the east of Davison , and diagonally across from Raymond .

Lathrop stands five stories tall with an additional basement level . The dormitory , Elizabethan in style , is a brick building with elements of brownstone trim . The roof is a Vermont slate and from it rise five chimneys , each built with two wythes of brick and capped with bluestone . There are also multiple cupolas that are framed with wood , include painted louvered slats , and have topped with a coat of terre . The building also has parapets , unlike neighboring Strong .

The house is co @-@ ed and currently has a capacity of 180 students . Students in Lathrop , which houses students of all grades , may live in either single rooms , one @-@ room doubles , or three @-@ room triples . Bathrooms are shared by all members of a hall .