

Leg'go my Echo

Elder Dining Hall

With the right treatment, even a basement can scream cozy.

Most lower levels spell doom for comfort when it comes to sound, but with the Elder Cellar, a liberal treatment of finishes allowed us to curb the reverbs that perturb the nerves of subterranean diners. Variable - height ceiling tiles; made of Tectum, wood, and pressed tin; not only give visual interest, but they break up the sound waves beautifully.

The curved party booths also catch sound waves - along with snagging students in their comfortable padding. All-you-can-eat dining options like: Pure Eats (an allergen free kitchen), pizza, deli, street food and Kosher, make this lower level a prize destination for Wildcats. Add to this delectable selection features like the stained and polished concrete floor, vivid iridescent purple walls, and bar-height counter spanning the only window wall, and there's no mistaking this speakeasy is the place to be.

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